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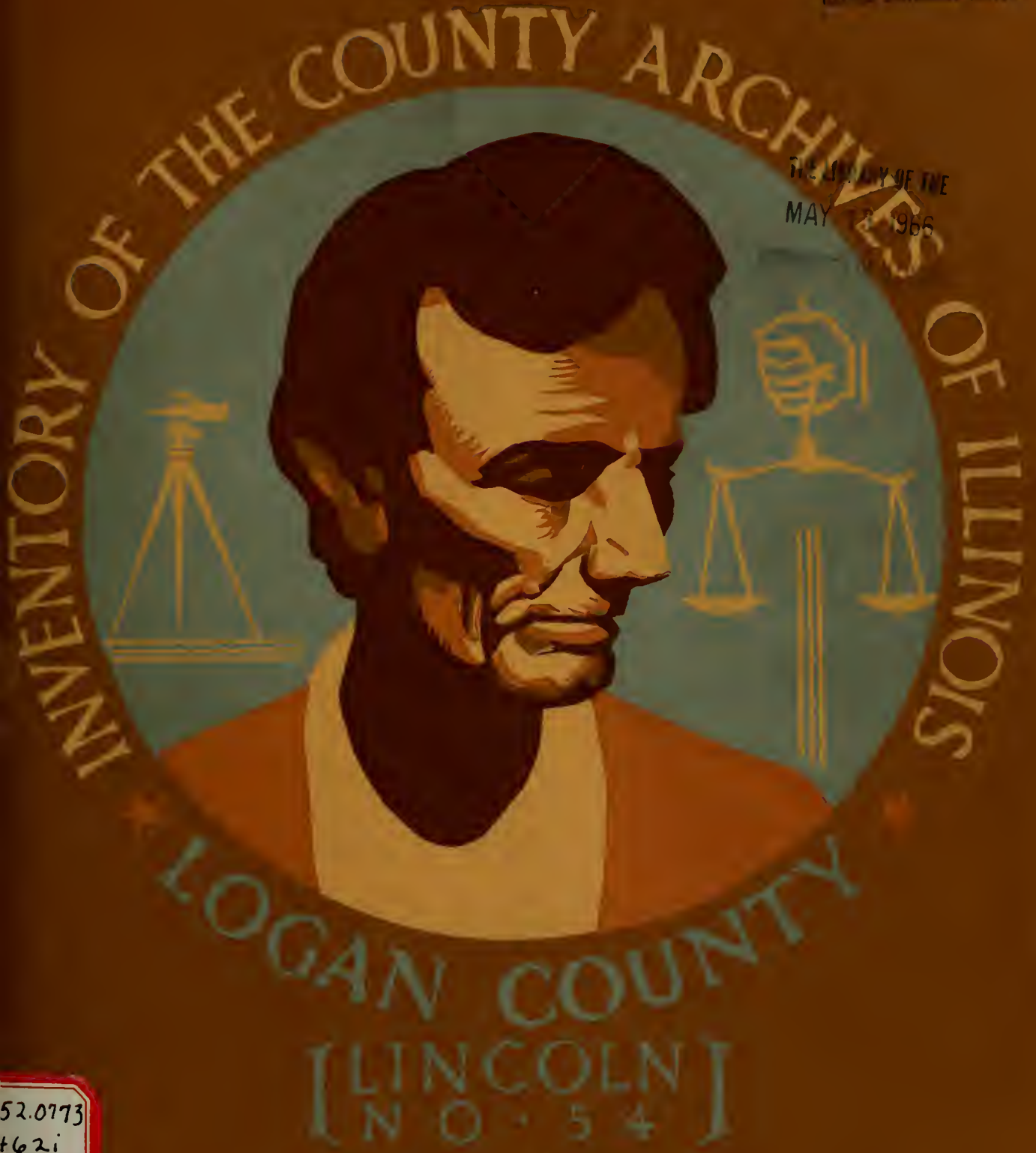






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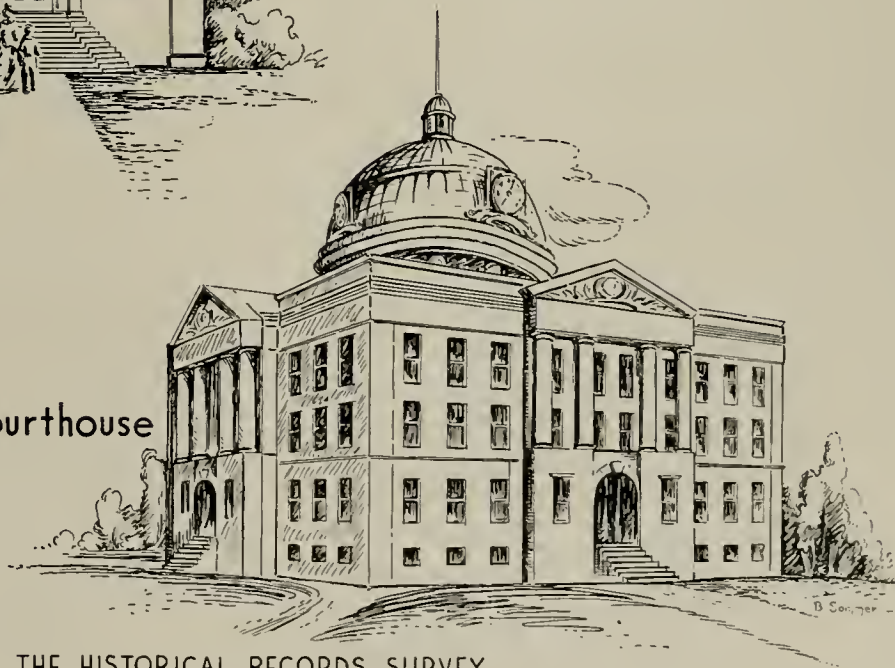
# LOGAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS

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Postville, 1840



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FOREWORD

The Inventory of County Archives of Illinois is one of a number of bibliographies of historical materials prepared throughout the United States by workers on The Historical Records Survey of the Works Progress Administration. The publication herewith presented, an inventory of the archives of Logan County, is number 54 of the Illinois series.

The Historical Records Survey was undertaken in the winter of 1935-36 for the purpose of providing useful employment to needy unemployed historians, lawyers, teachers, and research and clerical workers. In carrying out this objective, the project was organized to compile inventories of historical materials, particularly the unpublished government documents and records which are basic in the administration of local government, and which provide invaluable data for students of political, economic, and social history. The archival guide herewith presented is intended to meet the requirements of day-to-day administration by the officials of the county, and also the needs of lawyers, business men and other citizens who require facts from the public records for the proper conduct of their affairs. The volume is so designed that it can be used by the historian in his research in unprinted sources in the same way he uses the library card catalog for printed sources.

The inventories produced by The Historical Records Survey attempt to do more than give merely a list of records - they attempt further to sketch in the historical background of the county or other unit of government, and to describe precisely and in detail the organization and functions of the government agencies whose records they list. The county, town, and other local inventories for the entire country will, when completed, constitute an encyclopedia of local government as well as a bibliography of local archives.

The successful conclusion of the work of The Historical Records Survey, even in a single county, would not be possible without the support of public officials, historical and legal specialists, and many other groups in the community. Their cooperation is gratefully acknowledged.

The Survey was organized and has been directed by Luther H. Evans, and operates as a nation-wide project in the Division of Women's and Professional Projects, of which Mrs. Ellen S. Woodward, Assistant Administrator, is in charge.

HARRY L. HOPKINS  
Administrator



## PREFACE

The Historical Records Survey was initiated as a nation-wide undertaking in January 1936, as part of the Federal Writers' Project of the Works Progress Administration. In Illinois the Survey became an independent unit in August 1936, but continued to operate as a part of the nation-wide project under the technical supervision of Dr. Luther H. Evans, National Director, and under the administrative supervision of the Division of Women's and Professional Projects.

In compiling this Inventory of the Archives of Logan County, the Survey has sought to locate, describe, and classify all extant county records and to make them more easily accessible to county officials, the general public, and research workers. It is believed that this inventory will be useful in the preservation of this valuable material, and as a guide to the archives wherein may be found so much important information in the field of history, sociology, political science, and economics. While some historians have realized this for many years, the general public has never been made aware of the intrinsic worth of this material. In the official documents of Logan County is continued the story of the coming into the wilderness of settlers who created a territory and the rudiments of a simple frontier government, bought and sold land, built roads, established schools, and later founded a state.

The Historical Records Survey has proved itself of valuable assistance to local and county governments in Illinois. Records have been re-arranged and made more accessible, material believed to be lost has been located, indexing projects have been fostered, and county officials have been encouraged and induced to provide new equipment for their offices and better storage space for the records.

In addition, the program of the Survey has been planned to dovetail with the long range plans of the State of Illinois for the care of its State and local archives. For example, the first step in the Illinois program, the moving of all state records into a new Archives Building, has been materially aided by the preparation of preliminary inventories by Survey workers for the various state departments. Again, the program of the State for the preservation of county records, including the making of microphotographic copies of all important historical documents, obviously presupposes inventories such as The Historical Records Survey is now making.

Since under Illinois law no records may be destroyed without specific enabling legislation, the tremendous increase in the bulk of records being produced today makes it impossible for either the State or the counties to preserve all records. Hence, there has been considerable destruction of records. The inventories being compiled by The Historical Records Survey now make possible for the first time a scientific study of the whole question of record destruction. If, as seems likely, this results in adequate





## Preface

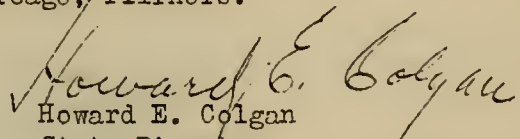
and sensible legislation permitting necessary reduction in the bulk of records, this single use of the inventories may prove the most important contribution of the Survey.

Under the direction of Alston G. Field, who resigned as State Director November 1, 1937, work on the survey of records in Logan County, the fifty-fourth county on the alphabetically arranged list of the one hundred and two counties in Illinois, was begun May 11, 1936, and finished as far as possible August 15, 1936. Additional work on offices and records not previously surveyed was started January 10, 1937, and completed June 24, 1937. The inventory was taken by Joseph Downey, Joseph Mielkus, and Harry Baker, under the supervision of V. C. Karcher. Rechecking, including a thorough search for missing and incomplete records, and examination of county records for historical and appendix data, was started March 25, 1938, and finished May 12, 1938.

The inventory was prepared for publication by the state editorial staff of The Historical Records Survey at Chicago, under the supervision of Herbert R. Rifkind. Assisting were: Martine O'Connor in charge of editing and re-editing; Kathleen Summit in charge of arranging and indexing; Theodore Nicholson in charge of rechecking; and Edward J. McDonough in charge of format and collation. The legal essays were prepared by Alonzo D. Brewer, under the supervision of Irving E. Barnett.

The various units of the Inventory of County Archives of Illinois will be available for distribution to government offices, libraries, schools, and historical societies in Illinois, and libraries and governmental agencies in other states. Requests for information concerning particular units of the Inventory should be addressed to the state director.

All of the officers of Logan County cooperated in every possible way with the workers, and grateful acknowledgment of their aid is hereby made. Special thanks are due County Judge Lawrence B. Stringer, historian and Lincoln authority, for the extra time and effort he devoted to the tracing of several individual records pertaining to Abraham Lincoln. County officials at the time of the Survey were: Claude C. Tull, County Clerk; John R. Parler, Circuit Clerk; Samuel T. Sparks, County Treasurer; B. H. Kock, Sheriff; C. Everett Smith, State's Attorney; Lawrence B. Stringer, County Judge; E. H. Lukenbill, Superintendent of Schools; Edward J. Tobin, Superintendent of Highways; Albert L. Heitmann, Surveyor; Alvin W. Ahrens, Coroner. I wish also to express appreciation for the cooperation rendered by the officers of the Illinois State Library, and by the officials of the Illinois Works Progress Administration and the Federal Writers' Project. For the cover design and drawings of the courthouses we are indebted respectively to Ralph Graham and Beatrice Sommer of the Federal Art Project, Chicago, Illinois. Permission to copy the original etching of the first county courthouse at Postville, was granted by Bernhard Wall, The Etcher of Books, Lime Rock, Connecticut. The binding was accomplished by the Bookbinding Project of District 3, Chicago, Illinois.

  
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## 1. HISTORICAL SKETCH

### Indian Occupation

The American Indian was lord of the soil that is now Logan County long before the white man appeared there. Divided into powerful tribes, the Indians held title to their hunting grounds by virtue of tomahawk and club. Chief among the tribes were the Kickapoos, industrious and energetic, but cruel and treacherous, whose bitter hatred of the encroaching white race was implacable. The Kickapoos were almost always first to commence war, and the last to submit and enter into treaties. For many years they harassed the exposed settlements, were long the terror of the Illinois frontier, and more than all the other tribes combined, retarded the advance of white settlement.<sup>1</sup>

In 1763, the Kickapoos occupied the country southwest of the southern extremity of Lake Michigan. They subsequently moved southward and at a more recent date dwelt in portions of the territory on the Mackinaw and Sangamon rivers in central Illinois, and had a village on Kickapoo Creek and one at Elkhart Grove. Kickapoo Creek, rising in McLean County and flowing principally through Logan County, was named for this tribe. By 1812 they had become established throughout the central portion of the state and their principal rendezvous were along Salt, Kickapoo, and Sugar Creeks in what is now the County of Logan.<sup>2</sup> It has been fairly well confirmed that their capital or principal town, which was burned in their contest with the whites, was located on Salt Creek, approximately west of and including the Chatauqua grounds of the present city of Lincoln.

### Coming of the White Man

The first white people to set foot on Logan County soil did so under protest, some thirty years before a permanent settlement was attempted. It seems that one James Gilham, Sr. emigrated in 1790 from South Carolina, and settled on the southwestern frontier of Kentucky. One day while he was working in the cornfields with one of his small sons, several Kickapoo warriors carried away his wife and his three other children.<sup>3</sup> The captured Gilham family suffered great hardship and privation in their forced march of three or four hundred miles through the present counties of Clark, Coles, Moultrie, and Macon to the Kickapoo town which was situated on Salt Creek, northeast of Elkhart Grove, in Logan County, but they

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1. Lawrence B. Stringer, History of Logan County, Illinois (Chicago: Pioneer Publishing Co., 1911), p. 40.
  2. Alexander Davidson and Bernard Stuve, History of Illinois (Springfield: Illinois Journal Co., 1874), p. 259.
  3. Lawrence B. Stringer, History of Logan County, Illinois (Chicago: Pioneer Publishing Co., 1911), p. 42-44.





## Historical Sketch

arrived there in safety. Later Gilham recovered his lost family and settled with them in Illinois, although not in Logan County.

The next entrance of a white person into Logan County occurred with the march of Governor Edwards' militia against the Indians in 1812. About 1790, the Indian tribes, including the Kickapoo, had become hostile and were making forays on the scattered white settlers in the southern portions of the state. Territorial Governor Harrison sent deputations to the various tribes to endeavor to make settlement by treaty. Following this, in 1812, Governor Edwards of the Illinois Territory arranged a council with the Indian chiefs and warriors, to be held at Cahokia.<sup>1</sup> The Cahokia council did not accomplish its desired effect and hostilities broke out more fiercely than ever. Governor Edwards then organized an expedition for the invasion of the Illinois River Valley.<sup>2</sup> Information was obtained that at the place where Peoria now stands a large gathering of Pottawatomi, Miami, and Kickapoo Indians was preparing for assaults upon the frontier settlements to the south. This expedition, composed of recruits raised in Illinois, was accompanied by the Governor himself. In the ranks marched one John Reynolds, afterward a Governor of Illinois, who wrote a highly interesting account of the expedition.<sup>3</sup> Another account traces the line of march of the little army as "passing east of Elkhart Grove, crossing Salt Creek not far from the present city of Lincoln and thence in a northward direction".<sup>4</sup> The old Indian trail followed by Edwards' troops from Edwardsville through what is now Logan County, to the present site of Peoria, came to be called "Edwards' Trace."<sup>5</sup> On the march no belligerent Indians were encountered until the soldiers arrived at within four or five miles of an Indian village on Peoria Lake. Here they killed an Indian whose arms were raised in the sign of surrender, and captured his squaw. Upon their arrival at the village itself about October 18, 1812, they found the huts deserted, and the warriors and their families gone. The untrained militia plundered and burned the village.<sup>6</sup> This was the only achievement of the campaign.

Depredations continued intermittently until, at a council held at Edwardsville, on September 25, 1818, the Peoria, Kaskaskia, Michigamia, Cahokia, and Tamarois Indians ceded to the United States government a tract comprising most of southern and much of central Illinois. The

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1. History of Logan County (Chicago: Interstate Publishing Co., 1886).
  2. Ninian W. Edwards, History of Illinois - 1778-1833 and the Life and Times of Ninian Edwards (Springfield: Illinois State Journal Co., 1870), p. 71.
  3. John Reynolds, Pioneer History of Illinois (Chicago: Fergus Printing Co., 1887), p. 407.
  4. Alexander Davidson and Bernard Stuve, History of Illinois (Springfield: Illinois Journal Co., 1874), p. 271.
  5. Lawrence B. Stringer, History of Logan County (Chicago: Pioneer Publishing Co., 1911), p. 47.
  6. Edward F. Dunne, History of Illinois (Chicago and New York: Lewis Publishing Co., 1933), I, 221.





significance of this cession would have been immense had it not been that it was made by weak tribes, while the powerful Kickapoo still claimed and held all that part of the ceded tract lying north of the parallel of 39° - a little to the north of the Illinois River.<sup>1</sup> However, on July 30, 1819, the Kickapoos entered into a treaty by which, in return for receiving \$2,000 in silver annually for fifteen consecutive years, and a guarantee of peaceable possession of certain lands to the north and west, they relinquished claim to "all that scope of country south of the Kankakee River, east of the Illinois River, and north of a line drawn from the mouth of the Illinois to the Wabash".<sup>2</sup> This treaty provided impetus for the settlement of that territory, and as the white settlers began to come in, the Kickapoos gradually withdrew until by 1836 none were left.

### Early Settlers

It was not until the fall of 1818 that an attempt was made to settle on the soil of Logan County. The first settlers were James Chapman, his wife Betsey, and her brother Richard Latham, who came from Union County, Kentucky, to the Sangamon River, above the present city of Springfield, and there made a claim.<sup>3</sup> Later in the same year James Latham, father of Betsey and Richard, and a relative, Ebenezer Briggs, joined them. When their land was overflowed in a January thaw, the group decided to seek a more elevated spot. At Elkhart Grove<sup>4</sup> they found an admirable location near a spring of water, on high, yet level prairie ground, well supplied with timber. Here in April of 1819, they built a cabin, the first ever built in Illinois north of the Sangamon River.

For the first few years of its existence the little settlement held title to its land by "squatters rights". In 1823 a government land office was established at Springfield, and on November 19, 1824, James Latham entered 620 acres at Elkhart Grove. In 1828 his son, Richard, received letters patent for a large tract on the south brow of Elkhart Hill. The Latham family for many years was prominent in the affairs of Logan County. James Latham was the first probate justice of the peace (an office similar to that of county judge) of Sangamon County, which at that time included Logan County, and on June 4, 1821, at Springfield, he held the first term of probate court. In 1824 Mr. Latham was appointed by President Adams to the position of Indian agent at Fort Clark, now Peoria.<sup>5</sup>

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1. Arthur Clinton Bogess, Settlement of Illinois (Chicago: Chicago Historical Society, 1908), p. 110.
  2. Lawrence B. Stringer, History of Logan County, Illinois (Chicago: Pioneer Publishing Co., 1911), p. 48.
  3. Ibid., p. 52-55.
  4. Elkhart Hill was visited by Frederick Ernst in 1819. See his Observations made upon a Survey through the Interior of the United States in the year 1819.
  5. History of Logan County (Chicago: Interstate Publishing Co., 1886), p. 182.



Richard Latham, on his Elkhart Hill property, kept the "Kentucky House", which was the stopping place for early settlers in the 1820's, and later on for the lawyers who traveled the circuit. Samuel H. Treat, John A. Logan, John P. Stuart, Edward D. Baker, Ninian Edwards, Charles R. Matheny, and Abraham Lincoln, among others, stopped here on their journeys from Springfield to Postville, Bloomington, and other towns. Richard Latham's marriage to Emily Hubbard on September 16, 1824, was the first marriage to take place in the county.<sup>1</sup> His second wife, Margaret Stephenson Broadwell, was a sister of James Stephenson, the first county surveyor of Sangamon County when it included Logan.

Robert Latham, another son of James, who was but a year old when his father came to Illinois in 1819, became one of the founders of the city of Lincoln. He had worked his father's homestead for a number of years, building a new home on the site of the original log cabin. In 1850 he sold the home place and moved to Mt. Pulaski, then the county seat. He and John D. Gillette, his partner in the real estate business, entered between six and seven thousand acres of Logan County land. He was commissioned to secure the right of way for the Chicago and Alton Railroad on the site of which Lincoln was laid out, and was instrumental in bringing the Peoria, Lincoln, and Decatur, as well as the Champaign and Havana Railroads through the county. In 1860 he was elected to the state legislature and two years later was appointed colonel of the 106th regiment of Illinois Volunteers.

Following the settlement of the Lathams at Elkhart Grove by only a few months, Robert Musick, in the fall of 1819, settled on Sugar Creek, a few miles to the north. He built a cabin in the northeast corner of what is now West Lincoln township, where that township corners with East Lincoln, Oran, and Eminence Townships.<sup>2</sup> Musick was the first Logan County settler to enter his land for title. Curiously enough, he made his entry only a few hours earlier than James Latham, on the same day, November 19, 1824. For many years "Robert Musick's Sugar Creek" was a landmark in this section of Illinois. The settlement lay not far from "Edwards Trace," the Indian trail followed by Governor Edwards' expedition against the Indians in 1812.

From 1820 to 1825 other settlers came in steadily,<sup>3</sup> and many of these early families became active in the affairs of the county, both while it was still a part of Sangamon and later after the division. Among the earliest of these newcomers were the Bucklos and Birks families, who came in from Arkansas, John Downing from Pennsylvania, who settled near Salt

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1. Lawrence B. Stringer, History of Logan County, Illinois (Chicago: Pioneer Publishing Co., 1911), p. 57.
  2. *Ibid.*, p. 58, 59.
  3. History of Logan County (Chicago: Donnelley, Loyd and Co., 1877), p. 246.





Creek in the northeast corner of what is now Mt. Pulaski township, and Benjamin and Hezekiah Davis, the former of whom was one of the first ministers in the county. James Turley came from Kentucky in 1821 and settled on Lake Fork Creek;<sup>1</sup> in November of 1821 Erastus Wright came to Elkhart Grove from Vermont, and before the year was out had set up in James Latham's log cabin, the first school held in Logan County.<sup>2</sup> Walter Dillon settled near Salt Creek in 1824. In 1825 the Bowman family came from Ohio and took up land three miles east of Elkhart Grove. Abraham Bowman was elected justice of the peace in 1827 and continued until the organization of Logan County in 1839. Hiram Bowman, his brother, was a Baptist preacher, well known in the county. Another brother, Ezekiel Bowman, was one of the most prominent public men of the county. He was justice of the peace before the formation of the county, was sheriff of Logan County 1846-48, 1852-54, and was school commissioner, 1844-46. The Orendorffs settled in what is now Eminence township in 1826. Christopher Orendorff built the first water power grist mill in the county, which was known to three generations of Logan County people.<sup>3</sup>

### Townsite Boom

During the years 1834 to 1839, when the town-lot craze was sweeping the country, settlers swarmed in from the East, urged by promoters who expected to realize great profits by laying out townsites and selling lots. The territory in what is now Logan County experienced its share of the excitement. Among the towns laid out in that period were Albany,<sup>4</sup> Rich-

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1. Lawrence B. Stringer, History of Logan County, Illinois (Chicago: Pioneer Publishing Co., 1911), p. 61.
  2. The first schoolhouse was built about 1830 near John Turner's place on Lake Fork, in the southern part of Mt. Pulaski township. History of Logan County (Chicago: Donnelly, Loyd and Co., 1877), p. 230.
  3. History of Logan County (Chicago: Interstate Publishing Co., 1886), p. 191.
  4. The original plat of Albany, surveyed by Lincoln, is said to be now in the office of John Davenport, Bath, New York. For the transcribed record, see entry 121, Record of Transcript, v. 1, p. 176. The original plat carried these words: "I hereby certify that the above is a correct map of the Town of Albany, as surveyed by me, A. Lincoln." It was dated June 16, 1836. John Wright and John Donovan, the latter called the "Irish castle builder", were proprietors of this "boom" town laid out near Rocky Ford in  $W\frac{1}{2}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  of sec. 6 and  $W\frac{1}{2}$  and  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of sec. 7, T 19 N, R 3 W. Lots here were sold as late as 1852, but no town ever grew. Interesting is the statement of Judge Lawrence B. Stringer, Lincoln, Illinois, that Lincoln's survey of Albany was accurate as evidenced by cartographers' reports that Meridian Street, one of the three streets in the "town", was found to have been surveyed precisely on the Meridian Line. This can be established by the use of a Mercator's Map.



mond,<sup>1</sup> Rushbrook,<sup>2</sup> London,<sup>3</sup> Eminence,<sup>4</sup> Bloomingdale,<sup>5</sup> and two called Madison.<sup>6</sup> Most interesting, perhaps, of attempts at stimulating settlement, was that of the Bloomingdale experiment, 1835-36. Reports of the rich prairie land in what is now Logan County had reached Providence, Rhode Island, and a group of westward-looking souls proposed to form a colony in the new country on a cooperative basis. "The Smithfield Emigration Association of Providence, Rhode Island," was formed and incorporated. Sixteen hundred acres of land, lying between Kickapoo and Sugar Creeks and between what is now Lawndale and Rocky Fork were entered from the government, the land patents being signed by Andrew Jackson, president. Each \$100 share entitled the holder to an eighty-acre tract of land and a lot in the proposed town of Bloomingdale.<sup>7</sup> Three waves of emigration were proposed. The first, consisting only of men, was sent out; the second and third never followed, for the severity of early Illinois prairie life, and particularly the fevers and the chills, took toll of many lives. And most of those who survived the first winter abandoned the experiment and returned, leaving Bloomingdale an empty hope. In 1838 an unsuccessful attempt was

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1. Surveyed August 30, 1834, by Thomas C. Wilson, deputy surveyor of Tazewell County, Achilles M. Haden, proprietor. Townsite was located in  $W\frac{1}{2}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of sec. 31, T 21 N, R 2 W. Plat recorded in entry 121, Record of Transcript, v. 2, p. 120. The later townsite of Bloomingdale was located a quarter of a mile distant. Lawrence B. Stringer, History of Logan County, Illinois (Chicago: Pioneer Publishing Co., 1911), p. 101.
  2. Surveyed May 6, 1834, in  $SW\frac{1}{4}$  of  $SE\frac{1}{4}$  of sec. 9, and in  $NW\frac{1}{4}$  of  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of sec. 16, T 21 N, R 2 W, the townsite being on Sugar Creek in what is now Eminence Township. Alfred Orendorff, proprietor. Plat recorded in entry 121, Record of Transcript, v. 2, p. 116. See also Lawrence B. Stringer, History of Logan County, Illinois (Chicago: Pioneer Publishing Co., 1911), p. 101.
  3. Surveyed November 13, 1839, in  $NE\frac{1}{4}$  of sec. 15, T 19 N, R 1 W, in what is now Aetna Township. James Randolph, proprietor. Plat recorded in entry 466, Surveyors Record, v. A, B, p. 19. See also Lawrence B. Stringer, History of Logan County, Illinois (Chicago: Pioneer Publishing Co., 1911), p. 101.
  4. Laid out in September 1836, near the site of the earlier proposed "Town" of Rushbrook. No town developed here, but Eminence Township took and preserves the name.
  5. Plat recorded August 5, 1836. See entry 121, Record of Transcript, v. 2, p. 159.
  6. Madison, Chester Twp., laid out April 11, 1836, is today marked by a cemetery. Madison, Prairie Creek Twp., laid out August 23, 1836, was near the present Victory school house.
  7. Surveyed by Thomas C. Wilson, deputy surveyor of Tazewell County. See History of Logan County, Illinois (Chicago: Pioneer Publishing Co., 1911), p. 97.





made to revive the scheme. Although some lots were disposed of as late as 1842, no town ever existed. Gradually farms absorbed the lots, their owners supplying quitclaim deeds for small consideration. Today's Bloomingdale schoolhouse keeps the name, if not the memory, of the Bloomingdale experiment alive. When the smoke from the town-lot boom had cleared, three towns remained in Logan County: Postville, Mt. Pulaski, and Middletown.<sup>1</sup> Two of these were to vie for the location of the county seat.<sup>2</sup>

### Creation of the County

Illinois was composed of fifteen counties when it was admitted to the union in 1818, one of which, Bond County, included the present county of Logan and a strip extending to the northern boundary of the state. On January 30, 1821, Sangamon County was created out of parts of Bond and Madison Counties,<sup>3</sup> and this new county included the territory now known as Logan County. On January 31, 1827, Tazewell County was carved out of Sangamon County and included that portion of present Logan County known as Prairie Creek, Orville, Eminence, and Atlanta townships.<sup>4</sup> In 1830 McLean County was created, and the present Atlanta township was included in it; this area was transferred from McLean County in 1839, when a strip of land along the county's southern boundary was added to the newly formed DeWitt County. Thus, although by far the greater portion of its territory was taken from Sangamon, five counties contributed to the formation of the present county of Logan.

In 1831 a movement for a division of Sangamon County had originated in that portion now known as Menard County, and later spread to that ter-

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1. Lincoln was present at the survey of Middletown, the first town laid out in what became Logan County. The deed was dated November 22, 1832, and the plat was recorded December 20, 1832. Copy of the recording which was made in Sangamon County, Deed Record, Book F, pages 119, 120, may be found in entry 121, Record of Transcript, v. 1. Entries 117, Land Book; 121, Record of Transcript; and 127, Nondescript contain records or copies of lands that were part of Sangamon County prior to the formation of Logan County in 1839.
  2. Lawrence B. Stringer, History of Logan County, Illinois (Chicago: Pioneer Publishing Co., 1911), p. 150.
  3. L.1821, p. 45. "From the northeast corner of town 12 north, 1 west of third principal meridian, north with that meridian to the Illinois River; down the middle of the river to the mouth of Balance or Negro (Indian) creek; up said creek to its head; thence through the middle of the prairie dividing the waters of the Sangamon and Mauvaise Terre to the northwest corner of town 12 north, 7 west of the third principal meridian; thence east along the north line of town 12 to the place of beginning."
  4. L.1827, p. 113. "North from the northeast corner of town 20 north, east of the third principal meridian to the line between towns 28 and 29 north; thence west to the Illinois; thence down the river to the line between towns 20 and 21 north; thence east to the beginning."



ritory now known as Logan and Christian Counties. The plan of the movement was to divide Sangamon County into four separate counties.<sup>1</sup> This movement was responsible for bringing Abraham Lincoln into public life. It was in 1831 that Lincoln came to Sangamon County, of which Logan was then a part. He located at Old Salem, in what later became Menard County. Here Lincoln kept store, split rails, looked after the mill, became postmaster, and later state representative.<sup>2</sup> The settlers of Menard who began the agitation for the division of Sangamon County intended one of the new counties to be Menard, with Old Salem the county seat, and one to comprise territory now a part of Logan County. To secure this division it was necessary to elect a representative to the Legislature at Springfield who would be friendly to the new movement, and Lincoln being chosen for nomination, thus made his first entry into politics. Although he received every one of 277 votes in Salem precinct, he was defeated, and nothing came of the effort to divide the county. Two years later Lincoln was again candidate for the Legislature and this time was successful. From 1834 to 1839, Lincoln being a representative of Sangamon County of which Logan was then a part, was for those five years as much the representative of Logan County as of Sangamon.

In 1838 the movement for a division of Sangamon was revived, owing to the belief that Lincoln, who by that time was a power in the Legislature, would approve and further it. Also, the population in Sangamon County had increased, and the need for more accessible county seats was urgent. Parts of the county were fifty miles from Springfield, the county seat. Menard settlers were most enthusiastic for the division; the southern part of Logan County was apathetic. Relief from such inconvenience was obtained in the Eleventh General Assembly. John Calhoun, who had been county surveyor, and for whom Lincoln had worked as a deputy, was a member of the House from Sangamon, and presented on January 7, 1839, a "petition of certain citizens of Sangamon for division of the county".<sup>3</sup>

The petition was referred to the Committee on Counties, of which Abraham Lincoln was chairman. On Thursday, January 16, 1839, Mr. Lincoln reported a bill for an act to establish the counties of Menard, Logan and Dane (subsequently called Christian), with a recommendation that it pass. The bill was read twice, and on the motion of Mr. Calhoun, was to be referred to a select committee of five.<sup>4</sup> It was ordered that Messrs. Calhoun, Thornton, Fisk, Roman, and Lincoln be that committee, with Lincoln chairman. The special committee reported favorably on the bill, and January

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1. Lawrence B. Stringer, History of Logan County, Illinois (Chicago: Pioneer Publishing Co., 1911), p. 145.
  2. Albert J. Beveridge, Abraham Lincoln 1809-1858 (Boston & New York: Houghton Mifflin Co., 1928), I, 114.
  3. House Journal, 1838-1839, p. 177.
  4. Lawrence B. Stringer, History of Logan County, Illinois (Chicago: Pioneer Publishing Co., 1911), p. 146.





21, 1839, the bill was passed by the House.<sup>1</sup> It was sent to the State Senate, amended in immaterial points concurred in by the House, and became a law February 5, 1839.<sup>2</sup>

Section 1 of the act incorporating Logan County defines the boundaries of Menard County. Section 2 related especially to Logan County and defines its boundaries.<sup>3</sup> The boundaries of Logan County, as thus defined, did not include the northern tier of townships in the present county. The townships of Prairie Creek, Orville, and Eminence were added by the Act of June 27, 1840.<sup>4</sup> By the Act of February 26, 1845, Atlanta township which

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1. L.1839, p. 104. "An Act to establish the Counties of Menard, Logan, Dane." Approved February 15, 1839. In force same date. (Postville misspelled Portville). L.1839, p. 205. "An Act Supplemental to An Act to establish the Counties of Menard, Logan and Dane." Approved February 28, 1839. Effective same date.
  2. House Journal 1838-39, p. 217. February 6: Senate concurred, making amendment. (Ibid. p. 254). February 6 - 3 P.M.: Lincoln proposed amendment to Senate's amendment. (Ibid. p. 357). February 7: Senate concurred. (Ibid. p. 362). February 14: Bill reported before Council of Revision. (Ibid. p. 402). February 16: Bill approved. (Ibid. p. 419). February 19: Lincoln moved that Menard, Logan, and Dane Counties be added to 8th Judicial Circuit. (Ibid. p. 443). February 20: Lincoln, for the Committee on Counties, reported a supplement to the Original Bill. (Ibid. p. 455). February 20: Supplemental Bill was promptly reported as correctly engrossed. (Ibid. p. 456). February 20 - 2 P.M.: Bill was read third time and passed. (Ibid. p. 462). February 26: Senate concurred with House on supplemental act. (Ibid. p. 529). February 28: Act reported correctly enrolled. (Ibid. p. 549). Evening of February 26: Bill reported approved by Council of Revision. (Ibid. p. 566).
  3. L.1839, p. 104. "Be it enacted by the people of the State of Illinois represented in a General Assembly, that all the tract of country lying within the following boundaries, to-wit: Beginning at the N.W. corner of Township 20 N., of range 4 W.; thence S., to the S.W. corner of section 18, in Township 19 N., of the range aforesaid; thence E., 1 mile; thence S., to the southeast corner of Menard; thence, E., to the line dividing ranges 3 and 4; thence, S., to the S.W. corner of section 7, township 17 N., of range 3 W.; thence, E., to the N.E. corner of section 15, township last aforesaid; thence, S., 1 mile; thence, E., to the eastern boundary of Sangamon County; thence, with the present boundary of Sangamon County to the place of beginning shall constitute the County of Logan."
  4. L.1840, p. 29. "All that portion of Tazewell County embraced in the following limits, namely: beginning at the S.E. corner of township 21, N., range 2 W., of the third principal meridian; thence N. 7 miles, to the N.E. corner of sec. 36, township 22; thence W. along the section line, 18 miles to the N.W. corner of section 31, on the range line, between ranges 4 and 5, township 22, N.; thence S. 7 miles to the corner of Logan County; thence E. along said county line to the place of beginning, is hereby added to and hereafter shall be a part of the County of Logan, and that hereafter, at all general or special elections the portion of Tazewell County, so added, shall vote with the County of Logan."





which was in DeWitt County was added to Logan County.<sup>1</sup> At the time the original boundaries of Logan County were considered, it was intended to make the county rectangular, but when the Act was passed, irregularities occurred in the southwestern portion. It was currently reported that the changes were made by reason of the fact that certain personal friends of Mr. Lincoln, occupying lands in the proposed Logan County rectangle, desired to remain in Sangamon, so as to retain Springfield for their county seat, and Lincoln saw that they were accommodated even to the extent of disturbing the geographical regularity of the new county.

Judge Lawrence B. Stringer, in his history of Logan County<sup>2</sup> says: "Was it accident or design that the man who had been made a candidate for the Legislature by the friends of county division in 1832, was the chairman of the Committee on Counties and chairman of the Special Committee, who had this matter in charge in 1839? And when it is remembered that there was strong opposition to this division, was it significant that one of the counties so created should bear the name of a member of that same Legislature, a leader of influence in the southern part of the state and affiliated with the Democratic Party to which Mr. Lincoln did not belong - Dr. John A. Logan, of Jackson County, Illinois?"

#### Naming of the County

There has been some dispute as to the origin of the name of Logan County. It has been claimed that Logan County was named after the Indian chief Logan, after Logan County, Kentucky, after Judge Stephen T. Logan, and after Dr. John A. Logan, father of General John A. Logan, United States Senator from Illinois and famous leader in the Civil War. Careful research has revealed that Lincoln intended the honor for Dr. John A. Logan. Dr. Logan was a well-known Illinois pioneer (1788-1852), who came to this country from Ireland early in the nineteenth century and settled in Missouri.<sup>3</sup> The Logan family emigrated from Missouri to Illinois where they located at Murphysboro in Jackson County. In 1824, Dr. Logan married Miss Elizabeth Jenkins, a sister of Hon. Alexander M. Jenkins, afterward Lieutenant Governor of the state, and raised a family of eleven children, several of whom have shown marked ability. Dr. Logan was a man of great force of character and served in many public positions with satisfaction to the people and credit to himself. He was a member of the House of Representatives in the 10th, 11th, 12th, and 15th General Assemblies; where he represented Jackson County, serving with Abraham Lincoln, John J. Hardin,

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1. L.1840, p. 189. "All that portion of territory in DeWitt County described as follows: Beginning at the S.E. corner of section 36, township 21, range 1 W., thence N. 4 miles to the N.E. corner of section 13, thence W. with the section line to the N.W. corner of section 18, thence south with the range line between ranges 1 & 2, to the S.W. corner of section 31, thence east with the township line, between sections 20 and 21 to the place of the beginning."
  2. Lawrence B. Stringer, History of Logan County, Illinois (Chicago: Pioneer Publishing Co., 1911), p. 214, 215.
  3. Governor Reynolds, Pioneer History of Illinois (Chicago: Fergus Printing Co., 1887), p. 386.



James Shields, Stephen A. Douglas, Augustus C. French, and many other political celebrities. At the time the bill for the division of Sangamon County was passed in the Tenth General Assembly, Dr. Logan was a member, and although he was a Democrat and Mr. Lincoln a Whig, they became close friends. It was Logan who presented Lincoln's name for nomination to Congress in 1846,<sup>1</sup> and it is said that Dr. Logan rendered valuable assistance to Mr. Lincoln in his effort to have the state capital removed from Vandalia to Springfield. Thus, when Logan County was carved out of Sangamon County in a subsequent session, Lincoln suggested the name of his old friend, Dr. Logan, and the name was adopted.

The following item appeared in the Sangamo Journal, Springfield, Illinois February 16, 1839: "Logan County is named in honor of Dr. John A. Logan, the present Representative of Jackson County, in this State, and an old resident of Illinois." A photograph of an old painting of Dr. John A. Logan now hangs in the courthouse dome, while the northern entrance to the courthouse shows the following memorial, carved in stone: "In memory of Dr. John Logan, of Jackson County, Illinois, who was a member of the General Assembly which in 1839 established and created Logan County, and for whom the county was named, 1788-1852."<sup>2</sup>

#### Establishing a County Seat

Section 8 of the act creating Logan County provides for the location of a county seat. As was the custom, the act named three commissioners who resided outside the county to locate the first county seat. The commissioners named were Charles K. Matheny, Cheney Thomas, and Charles Emerson.<sup>3</sup> It was their duty to select a temporary seat of justice for Logan County to serve until 1841 when a permanent location was to be established by law.<sup>4</sup> Matheny was county clerk of Sangamon County, Thomas was a resident of Bloomington, and Emerson was a young lawyer, just admitted to the bar, who in 1867 was elected circuit judge.

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1. Albert J. Boveridge, Abraham Lincoln 1809-1858 (Boston and New York: Houghton Mifflin Co., 1928), II, 77.
  2. Lawrence B. Stringer, History of Logan County, Illinois (Chicago: Pioneer Publishing Co., 1911), p. 149.
  3. "That Charles Emerson, of Macon County, Cheney Thomas of McLean County, and Charles Matheny of Sangamon County, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to locate the seat of justice of Logan County; and who, or a majority of whom, shall in all respects perform their duties in the manner that the commissioners for the location of the county seats of the counties of Menard and Dane and are by this act required to do; and shall meet at the town of Postville, in the said County of Logan, on the first Monday of May next, or within 20 days thereafter for the purpose of performing the same; and such location, when so made, shall be and remain the seat of justice of the said County of Logan until the end of the session of the General Assembly in the year 1841."
  4. L. 1841, p. 96. "An act to locate permanently the seat of justice of Logan County." In force the same date.





The three commissioners explored the county and decided in favor of Postville<sup>1</sup> which claimed to be the geographical center of the county. One of the inducements which led to their decision was the promise of a real estate firm in the community, Knapp, Bird, and Tinsley, that they would "give to the county the new square in said town, together with a framed courthouse which they would erect thereon, and also two other adjacent blocks of ground for county purposes." The courthouse was erected, not in the old town square but in the "new square" on the donated ground, in Bird, Knapp, and Tinsley's new addition. The report of the commissioners on the new seat of justice is still on file in the archives of Sangamon County.<sup>2</sup>

Postville<sup>3</sup> was named for Russel Post, a ship's chandler from the Atlantic seaboard, who had forsaken the sea for inland adventures. Post laid out the town in 1835, and the original town plat was recorded March 1, 1836. James Primm, storekeeper, was the first postmaster. He was succeeded by Solomon Kahn who held office until the union of Lincoln City and Postville.<sup>4</sup> Abraham Lincoln conducted several cases in the old courthouse in Postville before the county seat was removed to Mt. Pulaski. This courthouse was constructed about the time Mr. Lincoln was admitted to practice law and part of its historic value lies in the fact that it is the only courthouse in existence which witnessed his earliest practice.<sup>5</sup> One case in particular which he conducted in that courthouse is often related. It seems Lincoln was employed by a Mr. Brown who gave him a false version

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1. The name of Postville was changed to Camden in 1845. No reason stated. See L.1845, p. 179, sec. 9. "An Act to change certain names herein mentioned." Approved March 3, 1845. In force same date. On February 21, 1861, the town again officially became Postville.
  2. "June 3, 1839, We, the subscribers having been appointed commissioners to locate the seat of justice of Logan County, do hereby certify that on the first Monday of May, instant, we met in the town of Postville, in said County of Logan, on the public square, known as the new square, and enclosed by blocks numbers 60, 62, 58, and 68, situated near the center of the east half of the northwest quarter of section number 36, in township twenty, north, range three west of the third principal meridian. Given under our hands and seals this 9th day of May, 1839."  

"Charles K. Matheny  
"Cheney Thomas

"I", the subscriber dissent from the above location  
Charles Emerson."

Lawrence B. Stringer, History of Logan County, Illinois (Chicago: Pioneer Publishing Co., 1911), p. 146.
  3. Original town surveyed March 18, 1836. See entry 121, Record of Transcript, v. 1, p. 138, 139. Transcribed from Book 1, p. 406, Sangamon County.
  4. History of Logan County (Chicago: Interstate Publishing Co., 1886), p. 222.
  5. Illinois Bar Journal (Springfield: Illinois State Bar Association, March, 1938), p. 239.





of the case. The true situation came out in court and Lincoln denounced his client in open court, saying that if he had known the truth, he would not have advised Brown to bring suit. This gave "Honest Abe" a standing in Logan County which was never lost.<sup>1</sup> Besides Abraham Lincoln, Stephen T. Logan, John T. Stuart, David Davis, and Edward D. Baker, sometimes referred to as the "Big Five",<sup>2</sup> were in common attendance at the Postville courthouse. Other famous men appearing here were Stephen Douglas, Judge Samuel H. Treat, and Peter Cartwright. In 1929 the building was purchased by Henry Ford for \$8,000<sup>3</sup> and moved to his American Village at Greenfield, Michigan. There was much public resentment because of this removal, but nothing could be done about it. The site where the building stood is now marked by a bronze tablet.

### First Election

Pursuant to the act of the General Assembly establishing Logan County, the first county election occurred April 1, 1839. The county was divided into two election precincts, with voting places at Mt. Pulaski and Postville,<sup>4</sup> the county seat. It was soon found inconvenient for all voters to come to Mt. Pulaski and Postville, and an additional precinct was made with a voting place at Middletown. Another was soon after made on Salt Creek, one on Sugar Creek, one at Elkhart, and one at Kickapoo Creek. On Salt Creek the voting place was Eli Fletcher's barn.<sup>5</sup> Other voting places were designated from time to time as the county settled. In the election of 1839<sup>6</sup> Michael Mann was elected probate justice without opposition, but he does not seem to have qualified as an officer, for about three months later, Colby Knapp was appointed by the commissioners' court of the county as probate justice. John Deskins, a physician who conducted the hotel in Postville, was elected sheriff. He was re-elected sheriff in 1840 and 1842 and served in the Legislature from 1844 to 1846. Jaboz Capps of Mt. Pulaski was elected first recorder of the county over David Smith by a vote of 169 to 136. Thomas R. Skinner was elected first surveyor and was afterward elected county judge. Geo. B. Lucas was elected first coronor, and Stephen Moore was elected clerk of the county commissioners' court. The first three county commissioners elected were John Shoup, Elijah Vansandt, and Robert Downing.

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1. History of Logan County (Chicago: Donnelley Loyd & Co., 1878), p. 266. Albert J. Beveridge, Abraham Lincoln 1809-1858 (Boston and New York: Houghton Mifflin Co., 1928), p. 250.
  2. Lawrence B. Stringer, History of Logan County, Illinois (Chicago: Pioneer Publishing Co., 1911), p. 319, 320.
  3. Illinois Bar Journal (Springfield: Illinois State Bar Association, March, 1938), p. 239.
  4. This election was held at the house of John Shoup, who lived on the north end of Salt Creek, in what is now Chester Township. Lawrence B. Stringer, History of Logan County, Illinois (Chicago: Pioneer Publishing Co., 1911), p. 59.
  5. History of Logan County (Chicago: Interstate Publishing Company, 1886), p. 218.
  6. *Ibid.*, p. 219.



The newly elected commissioners met at the house of John Shoup on the north side of Salt Creek, in what today is Chester Township. This residence served as official headquarters until the courthouse was erected in Postville in 1840.

By an Act of February 28, 1839, the Legislature provided that county officers elected at the first election in Logan County should hold offices respectively as long after next August election as they would have done under the general law if they had been elected at said August election. In the senatorial elections the vote should be canvassed by clerk of commissioners' court of Sangamon County and two justices of the peace; for the election of representatives in the General Assembly of Logan and Dane Counties, the clerks of the commissioners' court of both counties were to canvass the vote at the county seat of Logan County, and militia duty was to be performed in the counties of Menard, Logan, Dane, and Sangamon as if no division had been made.

#### Logan County the Scene of Lincoln's Law Practice

Sangamon County, of which Logan was a part, was originally in the First Judicial District, but in 1839 when Logan County was created, the famous Eighth District was formed of Sangamon, Logan, Macon, Tazewell, Menard, Christian, and Livingston Counties. Sangamon and Logan Counties continued together in the Eighth District until 1857. During that period, Judges Treat and Davis held the Logan County circuit court and Lincoln "traveled the circuit." Lincoln was better known as a lawyer to the settlers and pioneers of Logan County than as legislator or surveyor. He was admitted to the bar in 1836 and missed few, if any, terms of the Logan County circuit court. Because of his good fellowship and humor, Lincoln was always welcomed on his semiannual trips to Logan County, and at Postville he always stopped at the old Deskins Tavern. Scores of residents have recalled seeing him out in Postville park playing ball after court had adjourned.<sup>1</sup>

As the records of Logan County were destroyed by fire in 1857, no documentary history can be had of Mr. Lincoln's legal work in this early period of his life. The first case ever appealed to the Supreme Court shows Mr. Lincoln one of the attorneys. This was the case of Lucian B. Adams versus the County of Logan.<sup>2</sup> It arose over the removal of the county seat from Postville to Mt. Pulaski, was tried in 1849 and appealed the same year. The firm of Lincoln and Herndon represented the county of Logan. In the case of Edmunds versus Myers<sup>3</sup> in 1854, also appealed from

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1. Illinois Bar Journal (Springfield: Illinois State Bar Association, March, 1938), p. 238.

2. Illinois Reports, v. 11, p. 336.

3. Illinois Reports, XVI, 207.





Logan County to the Supreme Court, the records show A. Lincoln as attorney for defendants in error. In the following cases also appealed from Logan County, Lincoln appeared as attorney: Myers versus Turner,<sup>1</sup> 1855; Hildreth versus Turner, 1855; Turley versus County of Logan,<sup>2</sup> 1855; St. Louis, Alton & Chicago Railroad Company versus Daily,<sup>3</sup> 1857; Young versus Ward,<sup>4</sup> 1859; Gill versus Hoblit,<sup>5</sup> 1860. It will thus be seen that as late as 1860, Lincoln was appearing in cases in Logan County, in fact, the records indicate that he was practicing law in this county to within a few months of his election as President of the United States.

On May 1st, 1846, Abraham Lincoln was nominated for the office of Congressman from the then Seventh District, of which Logan County was a part.<sup>6</sup> His antagonist for Congress was Peter Cartwright,<sup>7</sup> the celebrated Methodist circuit-rider, whom the Democrats had nominated as their candidate soon after the nomination of Lincoln by the Whigs. The people of Logan County were well acquainted with both candidates, each having practiced his profession at the Postville Courthouse, Lincoln, the lawyer, by day, and Cartwright, the preacher, by night. While the newspapers of neither party contain any account of speeches by Cartwright or Lincoln, it is known that they both supported the war with Mexico and that they saw eye to eye on the slavery question; neither believed it to be a sin, but both held it to be an evil. In the main the contest for Congressman was one of personal popularity and party organization, in both of which Lincoln had a great advantage over the well-liked preacher.<sup>8</sup> The Democratic leaders gave up the contest early in the campaign and as the Whigs were solidly behind Lincoln, he won with an unprecedented majority of fifteen hundred and eleven votes.<sup>9</sup>

#### A New County Seat

In 1845 the settlers in the southeastern section of Logan began an agitation for the removal of the county seat from Postville to Mt. Pulaski.<sup>10</sup> The original town of Mt. Pulaski was surveyed July 20, 1836, and

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1. Illinois Reports, XVII, 179.
  2. Ibid., XVII, 151.
  3. Ibid., XIX, 353.
  4. Ibid., XXI, 223.
  5. Ibid., XXIII, 473.
  6. Albert J. Beveridge, Abraham Lincoln 1809-1858 (Boston and New York: Houghton Mifflin Co., 1925), II, 77.
  7. Ibid., II, 84.
  8. Ibid., II, 86.
  9. Logan County gave Lincoln 390 votes, Cartwright 166. Lawrence B. Stringer, History of Logan County, Illinois (Chicago: Pioneer Publishing Co., 1911), p. 220.
  10. Plat of original town of Mt. Pulaski, recorded August 17, 1836. See entry 121, Record of Transcript, v. 1, p. 198. Transcribed from Book 1, p. 403, 404, Sangamon County.





was named for the Polish nobleman who aided the American Colonies during the Revolutionary War. While this territory was still a part of Sangamon County, Mt. Pulaski was a thriving village of over three hundred inhabitants, and while farther from the geographical center of the county than Postville, it was nearer to the center of population, as the southern end of the county had been settled more rapidly than had other sections.<sup>1</sup> As a result of the activity for change, the General Assembly on February 23, 1847, passed an act<sup>2</sup> providing for an election at which the electorate of the county could decide the question. The election was held April, 1847, and the vote was in favor of Mt. Pulaski as the new seat of justice.

By the conditions of the Act, the proprietors of Mt. Pulaski were obliged to erect, subject to the approval of the county commissioners, a courthouse on the public square in the town. The town proprietors raised \$2700, the county added \$300, and a stone building with walnut trim was constructed; the records were transferred; and in 1848 the new courthouse opened to a brief but brilliant life. Many illustrious men appeared within its walls. Abraham Lincoln was on one side or another of every case upon the docket, and this courthouse witnessed more of his active law practice than any courthouse in Logan County. Judge David Davis was the sole judge of the old Eighth Circuit during the time the county seat was located at Mt. Pulaski, and when Abraham Lincoln became President he appointed Judge Davis a member of the United States Supreme Court. David B. Campbell was the district's prosecuting attorney and Judge Thomas R. Skinner was the only county judge at Mt. Pulaski. The walls of the old court room have on many occasions echoed to the high-pitched voice of Lincoln as well as to the eloquence of John T. Stuart, William H. Herndon, Wm. Ferguson, C. H. Moore, George H. Estabrook, Joseph H. January, and others. It is said the building is one of the very few courthouses in which Stephen A. Douglas appeared to argue his cases.<sup>3</sup> Lionel P. Lacey, who came to Mt. Pulaski in the early forties, was the town's first licensed lawyer. He introduced Stephen A. Douglas to an audience in Lincoln during the debate speeches of Lincoln and Douglas. Today, Mt. Pulaski courthouse is preserved as a state memorial, the interior of the building being in process of restoration, and the exterior already restored. Prior to the acquisition of title to the building by the state, the old courthouse for many years had housed Mt. Pulaski's post office.

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1. History of Logan County (Chicago: Donnelley, Loyd and Co., 1878), p. 266.
  2. Private L.1847, p. 31. "An Act for the removal of the seat of justice of Logan County. Approved February 23, 1847. In force same date.
  3. Illinois Bar Journal (Springfield: Illinois State Bar Association, March, 1938), p. 238.



Lincoln and Lincoln City

In 1853 the Chicago and Alton Railroad, in building a track between St. Louis and Chicago, engaged Colonel R. B. Latham to procure a right of way through Logan County. Dissatisfaction had been felt over the location of the county seat at Mt. Pulaski in the southeast corner of the county, and agitation was started for a more centrally located county seat, and one that would be on the railroad. Postville petitioned for the return of the seat of justice. Colonel Latham had been promised a station by the chief engineer of the road, Mr. Lee. The railroad had at this time reached Elkhart in Logan County, and the Colonel, observing that stations were being placed about ten miles apart, measured this distance from Elkhart and proceeded, with his partners, John D. Gillette and Virgil Hickox, to purchase the land.<sup>1</sup> This was about one mile from Postville. Colonel Latham succeeded in having inserted in the act providing for election to decide the future county seat, a description of the quarter section purchased instead of that on which Postville stood. The act passed February 14, 1863, providing for an election in November to approve the change in county seats. Work was started immediately on laying out the new city.<sup>2</sup>

Judge Lawrence B. Stringer, an authority on Logan County History, in a coast-to-coast broadcast over the Columbia System at Lincoln, Illinois, February 12, 1938, dramatically recited the story of the naming and christening of the new city. "Many communities", the judge began, "in many states, now bear the name of Lincoln. Where these were named for Abraham Lincoln, and most were, all but one were named for Lincoln the President, the martyr, the savior of his country. One, and one only, was named for Lincoln the man, before he was President, before he was ever thought of as President, and when his main reputation, as he traveled a mud legal circuit, was that of a good lawyer and an honest man. That one was Lincoln, Illinois, county seat of Logan County, from whence this broadcast comes."

Judge Stringer then went on to relate when and where the city of Lincoln was named. "The date of the naming was August 22, 1853. The place, Mr. Lincoln's barely furnished law office in Springfield, Illinois. Present, beside Mr. Lincoln, were three ambitious young men who were laying out a new townsite on the open prairies of central Illinois, northeast of Springfield some thirty miles, in Logan County and on the right of way of a pioneer railroad, now known as the Chicago & Alton. Mr. Lincoln knew Logan County well. From 1820 to 1839, it had been a part of old Sangamon County, Springfield its county seat, and in what is now Logan County he had surveyed towns and farms and highways. When he was a legislator representing Sangamon County in 1839, a bill detaching what is now Logan County

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1. Surveyed August 26, 1853, for Virgil Hickox, Springfield, John D. Gillette, extensive Logan County land owner and cattle raiser, and Robert B. Latham, proprietors.
  2. By legislative act approved February 16, 1865, Postville and Lincoln were united as the City of Lincoln.





from Sangamon, subsequently passed, emanated from a committee of which he was chairman. At the time of the naming of the town of Lincoln, he was acting attorney for Logan County, was also attorney for the pioneer railroad upon the right of way of which the town was being laid, and Logan County was a part of the old Eighth Judicial Circuit he had been traveling since 1839, as it continued to be to the end of his legal career.

"The Abraham Lincoln of 1853 was a rather disappointed Lincoln. Having served a term in Congress, he was not renominated. His congressional attitude toward the Mexican war, later vindicated, was unpopular in his community. Failure to secure political jobs for aspirants had lost him friends. His own application for federal recognition had been ignored. In the firm belief that his public career was forever ended, somewhat sadly he had returned to the active practice of the law. So it was that when the aforesaid proprietors had gathered in Mr. Lincoln's office to have him draw the necessary townsite papers, he naturally inquired: 'Well, gentlemen, have you decided upon a name for your new town?' 'We have, came the ready response. 'We have decided to call it Lincoln, for Abraham Lincoln, our lawyer.' A moment of silence ensued. Then came the characteristic answer: 'I don't believe I'd do that thing, gentlemen, for I never knew anything named Lincoln that ever amounted to much.' Nevertheless the proprietors persisted. The town was named Lincoln. It still bears the name.

"A week later, there was a public sale of lots on the townsite, Mr. Lincoln present. Purchasing a juicy watermelon from the wagon of an itinerant vendor, he called the proprietors together, broke the watermelon on a pile of lumber, carved it with his jack-knife, gave each proprietor a slice, reserved one for himself, and then invited the bystanders to do their best with the rest. Allowing a few drops of the melon juice to fall to the ground, he facetiously announced, 'Now the town is duly christened.' And it was."

One lot south and across the street from the courthouse square, was purchased by James Primm on the first day of public sale. In 1857 he deeded this lot to Lincoln in settlement of a \$400 loan.<sup>1</sup> Lincoln's ownership of the lot at the time of his assassination accounts for three affidavits filed in Logan County in connection with the settlement of his estate. These affidavits are on record in the office of the circuit clerk and recorder.<sup>2</sup> Found here, too, are a few remaining records of the numer-

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1. Primm had borrowed money on an endorsement of Lincoln. When the note fell due Primm could not pay and Lincoln took up the note. In turn, Primm, on March 11, 1858, deeded the lot to his endorser, who kept it as long as he lived. The lot was No. 3, block 19. Lawrence B. Stringer, History of Logan County, Illinois (Chicago: Pioneer Publishing Co., 1911), p. 221-222.
  2. For record of these affidavits, see entry 144, Miscellaneous Records, v. 4, p. 188, 189; for copy of these affidavits, see entries A-C, in the Appendix.





ous law cases<sup>1</sup> with which Lincoln was associated in the County.

As Logan County knew and honored Lincoln in life, so it sorrowfully received him in death. Judge Stringer describes the last passing of Lincoln through Logan County:<sup>2</sup> "Logan County, in 1865, had its chance to pay saddened tribute to the man for whom, twelve years before, it had named its county seat. The funeral train bearing Lincoln's body from Washington to Springfield passed through Lincoln at 7 a.m., May 3rd. At Atlanta, a few miles above Lincoln, it was met with 'minute guns, fife and muffled drum.' At Lincoln it passed under an arch bearing the motto 'With malice to none, with charity for all', while a choir of women, robed in black-fringed white, chanted a requiem. At Elkhart, another arch of evergreens and national flags, and these words: 'Ours, the cross, thine the crown.' And so Lincoln, in death, rode his 'last circuit' through the Logan County he had helped to establish, the county which knew him intimately and well as surveyor, lawyer and friend."<sup>3</sup>

On the night of April 15, 1857, the courthouse at Lincoln burned practically to the ground, and with it were destroyed most of the records of Logan County. The circuit clerk - recorder risked his life in the fire to save three or four of his books, because of the importance of the records on land titles. A new structure was built upon the same foundations, being completed in June, 1858. The contract for the building of a new courthouse included also the building of two separate fire-proof buildings, one for the records of the county clerk, the other for the records of the circuit clerk and recorder. These were ready for occupancy October 11, 1857. This fourth courthouse cost approximately \$15,000 and served the county until after the turn of the century. The present and fifth courthouse was started in 1903 and finished in 1905, costing \$205,000. While it was being built, the city hall was used as a courthouse.

#### An Administrative Contest

Under the Constitution of 1818, the general control of the affairs of the county was vested in a county commissioners' court, composed of three commissioners elected by the people.<sup>4</sup> This commissioners' court had jurisdiction throughout the county in all matters concerning revenue and the imposition of taxes, the granting of licenses for ferries and

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1. Case of Susan H. Bdong vs. William C. Taylor, George H. LeBlanc, A. Lincoln attorney for defendants. March 26, 1859. See app. D. Case of Squire Foster vs. Nathaniel Cosby. Trespass on the Case. Hon. A. Lincoln, attorney for plaintiff. September 20, 1859. See app. E. Case of the people vs. Abraham Nash alias Yankee Sullivan. Assault with intent to kill, A. Lincoln, attorney for defense, March 24, 1859. See app. F.
  2. Lawrence B. Stringer, History of Logan County, Illinois (Chicago: Pioneer Publishing Co., 1911), p. 230.
  3. Ibid., p. 213.
  4. Constitution of 1818, Schedule, sec. 4.



taverns, the auditing of accounts of public officers, the control of elections, filling of official vacancies, erection of public buildings, purchase and sale of public lands, and the general management of county affairs, with power to issue writs and attachments, make orders, decrees, and judgments, punish for contempt, and issue all necessary process to execute its powers. A clerk of the court elected by the people was to hold office for a term of four years. This form of county government existed in Illinois until 1848, when it was succeeded by government by the county court.

Logan County was governed by the county commissioners' court from the time of its organization in 1839 until 1849. By the new state Constitution of 1848 the government of counties by a commissioners' court was abolished and the full control of the affairs of the county was placed in the hands of a county court, composed of one county judge and two county justices. This court also had jurisdiction in all probate matters and in certain civil and criminal cases, the justices only sitting with the judge in all matters concerning the county business. The judge and his two associates were to be elected every four years. The first county judge elected under this system was Thomas R. Skinner. Provision was made that if the electorate of a county did not wish to be governed by a court, a township plan of government could be chosen. Logan County electorate chose to be governed by the county court in 1849.

The law provided<sup>1</sup> that fifty or more voters could petition to the county court to submit township organization to the county electorate for their approval or disapproval. The first petition in Logan County was filed in 1858.<sup>2</sup>

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1. Constitution of 1848, Art. VII, sec. 6.
  2. Lawrence B. Stringer, History of Logan County, Illinois (Chicago: Pioneer Publishing Co., 1911), p. 232, 233.
- 1848: The Constitution gave the General Assembly the right to provide for township organization.
- 1849: The General Assembly passed the Township Organization Act.
- 1851: The General Assembly amended this act.
- 1858: A petition was filed in Logan County for a vote. 921 voted for and 400 against township organization. No action was taken.
- 1859: Another petition and another vote. 973 voted for and 206 against township organization. Commissioners were appointed to divide the county into townships. But here the matter was dropped.
- 1865: Third petition and vote. 1612 voted for and 700 against township organization. Again commissioners were appointed to divide the county.
- 1866- January: Six taxpayers asked for an injunction restraining the completion of township organization.  
October: This injunction was dissolved by the circuit court, and the case went to the supreme court.
- 1867- February 29: The commissioners finally reported. County clerk gave notice of election for township officers.  
April 2: Election was held. First board of supervisors was elected.  
May 17: First meeting of board of supervisors was held at the courthouse.
- 1868: Supreme court handed down a decision holding this election legal and township form of government was in force in Logan County.





The election resulted in a majority of 521 votes for the township plan, but nothing was done to carry out the wishes of the voters, so the matter was abandoned. There was a second petition the next year, and again a majority for the plan, but no commissioners were appointed by the county court to divide the county into townships. The county court was not friendly to the proposed change.

A third effort to secure township organization was made in 1865, which again resulted in a majority for the plan. Three commissioners, Asa C. Barnes of Atlanta, H. C. St. Clair of Mt. Pulaski, and L. D. Dana of Elkhart,<sup>1</sup> were appointed to divide the county into townships, and the county clerk issued notice for the holding of town meetings for the election of township officers. In March of the following year the commissioners defined the limits of each township, and gave to each the name it still bears, with the exception of Madison which became Chester, and Middletown which was changed to Corwin. In January, 1866, an injunction was filed against the county court and its appointment of commissioners. The circuit court in its October term dissolved the injunction. Appeal was made to the supreme court, which did not hand down its decision until January 1868.<sup>2</sup> During a portion of the period pending the decision, the old county court and the new board of supervisors both claimed to be in control of county business.

The first board of supervisors was elected on April 2, 1867, and first met May 13, 1867.<sup>3</sup> The county court met June 3, 1867, and resolved: "Whereas there is some doubt who should manage the finances of the county, and the county board of supervisors propose to meet on June 4, 1867, it is ordered that the court adjourn until Monday, June 9, 1867." The court did meet on the day set, but being convinced that the board of supervisors was determined to administer county affairs, the court adjourned for the term. It did not meet again, as the decision of the supreme court sustaining the circuit court was handed down in January, 1868. Thus, from 1867 to the present, Logan County has been governed by a board of supervisors.

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1. History of Logan County (Chicago: Interstate Publishing Co., 1867), p. 218.
  2. Illinois Reports, v. 47, p. 246.
  3. The supervisors and the townships from which they were elected were: James Tuttle, Atlanta; Joshua Dunnuck, Aetna; John A. Critchfield, Broadwell; William Beasley, Eminence; Lorenzo D. Dana, Elkhart; James Beers, East Lincoln; Elisha Crane, Hurlbut; John L. Waddle, Laenna; James D. Gasaway, Lake Fork; Alexander Fisher, Mt. Pulaski; Michael Hinrichson, Madison (now Chester); David G. Evans, Middletown (now Corwin); William S. Curry, Oran; Thomas Quisonberry, Orvil; John Linbarger, Prairie Creek; George W. Gayle, Sheridan; John M. Garner, West Lincoln. Lawrence B. Stringer, History of Logan County, Illinois (Chicago: Pioneer Publishing Co., 1911), p. 233.





Area, Institutions, and Products of the County

Logan County has an extreme width of twenty-four miles east and west; and its extreme length north and south is twenty-eight miles. It has an area of six hundred and eighteen square miles or 393,087 acres. It is bounded on the north by Tazewell and McLean Counties; on the east are De Witt and Macon Counties; on the south is Sangamon County and part of Macon; on the west are Mason and Menard Counties. Lincoln, the county seat, is thirty miles northeast of Springfield, the state capital. At Lincoln is the Lincoln State School and Colony for Feeble-minded Children. Also at Lincoln is Lincoln College, formerly Lincoln University, founded in 1864 by the Synods of Indiana, Illinois, and Iowa, of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and consolidated in 1901 with James Millikin University, located in Decatur.

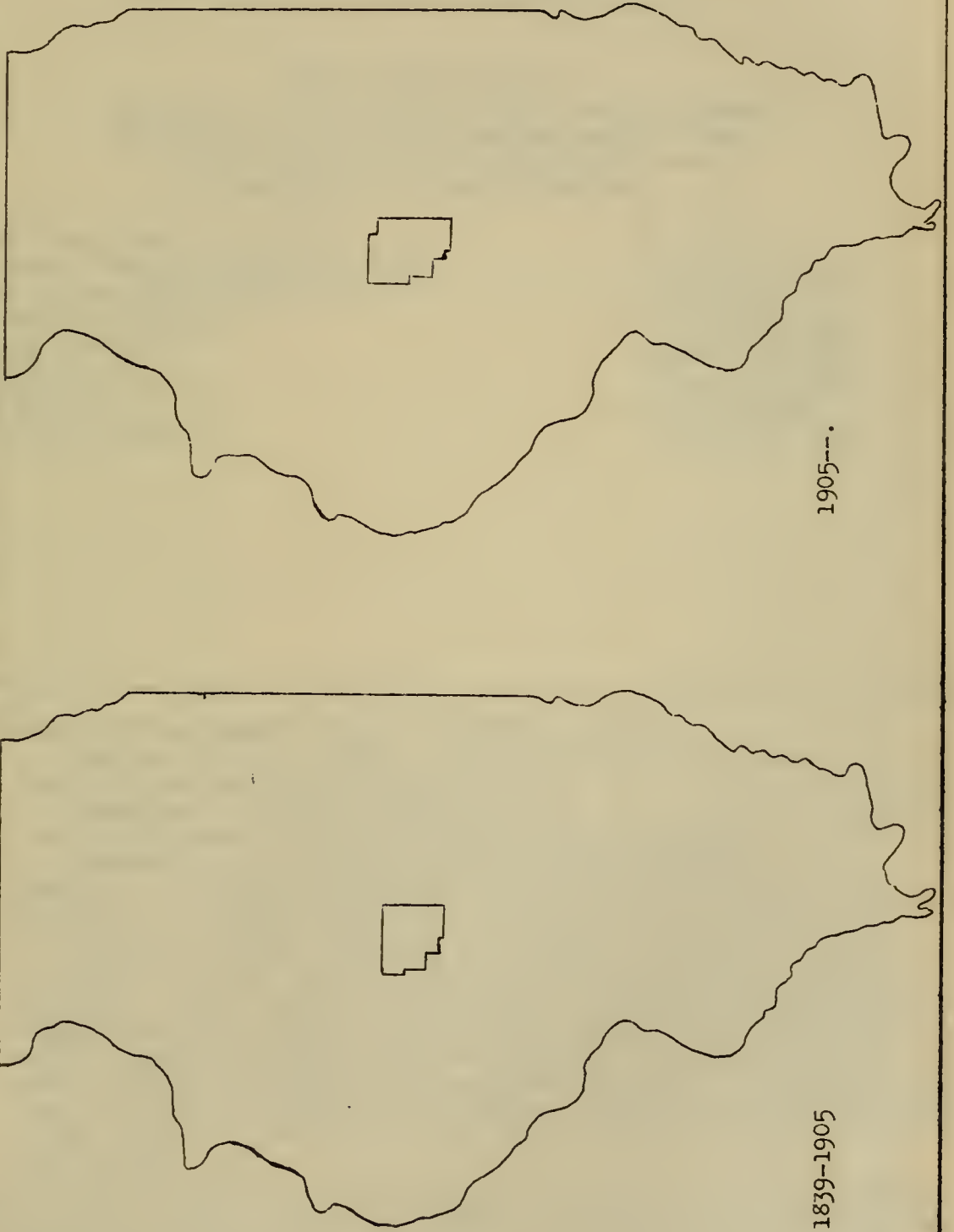
Logan County land is largely rolling prairie, well watered by numerous creeks. Along the creeks are fine groves of timber. The average height above sea level is five hundred and eighty-five feet. Coal is found and mined at Lincoln, Mt. Pulaski, and Middletown, the thickness of the veins varying from five to ten feet at a depth of two hundred to six hundred feet.<sup>1</sup> Commercial gravel is also available on Salt Creek, south of Lincoln, and on Kickapoo Creek, northeast of Lincoln. Other products are agricultural, with corn the chief crop. One of the most successful tenant farm systems in the world, owning thousands of acres of land in middle western states, the Scully Farms, possessed thirty thousand acres in Logan County at the time of the death of its founder, William Scully, in 1906. William Scully came over from Ireland, landing at Philadelphia in 1851. He procured a horse and a spade and set out to find the best farm lands. He is reported as having said, "After two years of investigation, I settled upon central Illinois as the place I sought. It seemed to me to be the richest soil in the world." Besides the Chicago and Alton Railroad, the Illinois Central Railroad and Illinois Traction System provide convenient transportation. Population according to the fifteenth census of 1930, is 28,863.

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1. Lawrence B. Stringer, Historical Pageant of Logan County, Illinois, Lincoln, Illinois, 1931.



MAJOR CHANGES IN LOGAN COUNTY BOUNDARIES







ROSTER OF COUNTY OFFICERS\*

(Date after name of officer refers to  
date of commission, unless otherwise stated)

County Commissioners\*\*

(Subsequent to 1849, county commissioners replaced  
by county judge and two associate justices until  
1867, when county board of supervisors assumed  
administration of county business)

John Shoup, Elijah Vansandt,  
Robert Downing, April 1, 1839\*\*\*  
Records for years 1840-42,  
cannot be located  
Robert Buckles,  
August 7, 1843  
Colby Knapp  
August 5, 1844

John Clark,  
August 4, 1845  
J. P. Dunham,  
August 3, 1846  
Berryman Boughan,  
August 2, 1847  
Robert Buckles,  
August 7, 1848

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\* This list was compiled from the following sources:

Election Returns, 1847--. File boxes 1-54, third tier, bay 2,  
State Archives Building, Springfield, Ill.

Certificate of Qualifications, 1819--. File boxes, 1-22, fourth  
tier, bay 5, State Archives Building, Springfield, Ill.

Secretary of State Executive Department of Official Records,  
1839-1918. 1 volume not labeled, fourth tier, bay 6, State Archives  
Building, Springfield, Ill. (This is a completed volume)

Secretary of State Executive Department of Official Records,  
1869-1936. 1 volume not labeled, room 208, second floor, secretary  
of state's office, executive department, State Capitol Building,  
Springfield, Ill. (This is an incomplete volume, and when completed  
will be filed in the State Archives Building. It is necessary to  
refer to both the complete and incomplete volumes as the record of the  
term for any one official may be entered in one book, while the record  
of the succeeding term for the same official will be entered in the  
other book)

\*\* All dates shown after commissioners' names indicate the year elected.

\*\*\* In 1839 when Logan County was created, the three commissioners elected  
drew lots according to law for one, two and three years to determine  
their length of term. Subsequently, one commissioner was elected  
each year to serve a three-year term.



## County Board of Supervisors

(The several township supervisors, one elected from each township, make up the membership of the county board of supervisors. Because these supervisors as individuals are township officials, and only as a group constitute the county board, they are not commissioned by the State as county officers, and no data concerning them, from which a list could be compiled, are kept by the State. For names of township supervisors comprising the first board of county supervisors, see Historical Sketch, page 24)

## County Clerks

(Clerk of the county and probate courts  
and of the board of supervisors)

John T. Jenkins,  
December 4, 1849,  
November 29, 1853,  
November 14, 1857,  
November 30, 1861,  
November 16, 1865

James T. Hoblet,  
November 9, 1869

William Toomey,  
November 18, 1873,  
December 1, 1877

C. M. Knapp,  
December 1, 1882,  
December 6, 1886

Jeremiah Matthews,  
December 1, 1890

David Gillespie,  
November 28, 1894

X. F. Beidler,  
December 1, 1898,  
November 11, 1902,  
November 20, 1906

James W. Corwine,  
December 1, 1910

J. T. Huston,  
December 4, 1914

David S. Mowrey,  
November 20, 1918,  
November 24, 1922

Claud C. Tull,  
November 13, 1926,  
November 25, 1930,  
November 17, 1934

## Recorders

(In 1849 the circuit clerk  
became ex-officio recorder)

Jabez Capps,  
April 13, 1839  
James Primm,  
August 15, 1843

John M. Handsley,  
August 19, 1847

## Probate Justices

(In 1849 succeeded by county judge  
as ex-officio judge of the probate court)

Michael Mann,  
August 13, 1839

Colby Knapp,  
August 17, 1839,  
September 25, 1842



## Probate Justices (continued)

Ezokiol Bowman,  
August 28, 1843

William Stallings,  
August 27, 1846,  
August 18, 1847

## County Court Judges

Thomas R. Skinner,  
November 19, 1849  
November 29, 1853  
Reuben B. Ewing,  
April 27, 1857,  
November 24, 1857,  
November 30, 1861,  
November 24, 1865  
William E. Dicks,  
November 9, 1869,  
November 17, 1873  
Stephen A. Foley,  
December 1, 1877,  
December 1, 1882  
James F. Hoblet,  
December 6, 1886  
Robert Humphrey,  
November 26, 1890  
C. L. Schmertfeger,  
November 28, 1894

Emil C. Woos,  
November 25, 1898  
(Deceased April 8, 1900)  
Donald McCormick,  
November 12, 1900,  
November 13, 1902,  
November 26, 1906  
James F. Hoblet,  
December 1, 1910  
Charles J. Gehlbach,  
November 13, 1912,  
December 1, 1914  
Lawrence B. Stringer,  
November 9, 1918,  
November 14, 1922,  
November 14, 1926,  
November 25, 1930,  
November 20, 1934

County Justices  
(Sitting as associates of the county judge)

William Ryan,  
November 29, 1853  
Thomas Nolan,  
November 24, 1857

Asa C. Barnes,  
November 30, 1861

Circuit Court Clerks  
(Prior to 1848, circuit clerk  
appointed by circuit judge)

Samuel Emmett,  
September 4, 1848,  
November 22, 1852  
Joseph C. Webster,  
November 14, 1856,  
November 14, 1860  
Fredrick C. W. Koehnle,  
November 17, 1864,  
November 19, 1868  
Andrew McGalliard,  
November 29, 1872

Thomas F. Holton,  
November 23, 1876,  
December 1, 1880  
E. F. L. Rantenberg,  
November 21, 1884,  
December 3, 1888  
August P. Kuenmel,  
November 28, 1892,  
December 7, 1896,  
November 30, 1900  
Gue F. Thompson,  
November 22, 1904,  
November 28, 1908





## Circuit Court Clerks (continued)

Lynn R. Parker,  
 November 23, 1912,  
 December 5, 1916  
 Vincent Jones,  
 November 19, 1920,  
 November 28, 1924,  
 November 23, 1928

John R. Parker,  
 November 26, 1932,  
 December 1, 1936

## Sheriffs

John Doskins,  
 April 13, 1839,  
 January 6, 1841,  
 August 29, 1842  
 John Lucas,  
 August 13, 1844  
 Ezekiel Bowman,  
 August 27, 1846  
 John C. Hurt,  
 August 23, 1848  
 Robert P. Latham,  
 November 19, 1850  
 Ezekiel Bowman,  
 November 19, 1852  
 Thomas J. Larison,  
 November 14, 1854  
 George Musick,  
 November 10, 1856  
 Thomas J. Larison,  
 November 6, 1858  
 Arron B. Nicholson,  
 November 14, 1860  
 Abram Mayfield,  
 November 13, 1862  
 William G. Starkey,  
 November 17, 1864  
 Thomas J. Simpson,  
 November 14, 1866  
 Chester B. Jackson,  
 November 7, 1868  
 Hiram L. Pierce,  
 November 8, 1870 (Date elected)  
 William A. Schafer,

Soloman Morris,  
 November 20, 1874,  
 November 23, 1876  
 Richard F. Ayers,  
 December 2, 1878  
 William Wendell,  
 December 1, 1880,  
 December 1, 1882  
 Paul Smith,  
 December 6, 1886  
 A. F. Hayes,  
 November 29, 1890  
 Micheal Seyfer,  
 November 28, 1894  
 Charles W. Anton,  
 August 1, 1899  
 James White,  
 November 28, 1902  
 David Levine,  
 November 20, 1906  
 William Schaffenaeker,  
 November 26, 1910  
 Robert W. Sheets,  
 December 1, 1914  
 A. G. Alberts,  
 December 2, 1918  
 Joseph Albright,  
 November 20, 1922  
 William G. Schaffenaeker,  
 November 18, 1926  
 William A. Moore,  
 November 25, 1930  
 B. H. Keck,  
 November 19, 1934

## Coroners

George B. Lucas,  
 April 13, 1839  
 Solomon Wood,  
 October 19, 1840  
 August 23, 1842

Alfred Sams,  
 August 13, 1844  
 Elijah Lucas,  
 August 27, 1846



## Coroners (continued)

George Snyder, August 23, 1848, November 19, 1850, November 22, 1852	John Evans, December 2, 1878
Luther Hill, November 14, 1854	John T. Boyden, December 1, 1880, December 1, 1882
Nathaniel H. Foster, November 10, 1856	Walter Bermingham, December 1, 1884
Theodore Stryker, November 14, 1860	John T. Boyden, December 1, 1888
John F. Boy, December 30, 1861 (To fill vacancy)	Uriah Hall, November 28, 1892
Jacob F. Hackney, November 28, 1862 (Date elected)	John T. Boyden, November 29, 1896, November 30, 1900
Norman Sumner, November 17, 1864	Alfred V. Purinton, November 17, 1904
Ira A. Church, November 24, 1866 (Resigned May 6, 1868)	William Ryan, November 21, 1912
Preston B. Knight, November 19, 1868, November 15, 1870	C. B. Taylor, November 18, 1920, December 20, 1924
Jerimiah J. Green, November 29, 1872, November 20, 1874	Edwin C. Goff, November 23, 1928
William W. Houser, November 23, 1876	Alvin W. Ahrens, November 26, 1932
	Edwin C. Goff, November 27, 1936

## State's Attorneys

(Prior to 1849 elected by General Assembly;  
1849-72, elected by circuit district electorate)

Timothy F. Beach, November 29, 1872	Hugh Hunter, November 17, 1904
James T. Hoblot, November 23, 1876	Everett Smith, December 3, 1906, November 15, 1912, December 11, 1916
Randolph B. Forrest, December 1, 1880	Evan Worth, November 17, 1920, December 20, 1924
Robert Humphrey, November 21, 1884	Robert R. Humphrey, November 23, 1928
Samuel L. Wallace, December 3, 1888	Everett C. Smith, December 1, 1932, November 28, 1936
Edward G. King, November 28, 1892	
Andrew L. Anderson, December 7, 1896	
Peter Murphey, November 30, 1900	





## County Treasurer

Benjamin E. Clark,  
November 24, 1857  
Mathew McElhiney,  
November 16, 1859  
Peter J. Hawes,  
November 13, 1863  
Joseph Ream,  
November 16, 1865,  
November 9, 1869,  
November 11, 1871,  
November 18, 1873,  
November 11, 1875,  
Decomber 1, 1877,  
December 1, 1879,  
Abram Mayfield,  
December 1, 1882  
William H. Trainor,  
December 6, 1886  
Adolph Rimerman,  
December 1, 1890  
Michael Coogan,  
November 28, 1894

J. Ed. Miller,  
September 12, 1899  
Benjamin F. Coffman,  
December 1, 1902  
Thomas F. Holmes,  
November 22, 1906  
Clifford Quisenberry,  
December 13, 1910  
James Ryan,  
December 1, 1914  
Herman J. Mayer,  
November 26, 1918  
Ben H. Pegram,  
November 27, 1922  
Mamie C. Wolch,  
November 19, 1926  
Georgo M. Eberle,  
November 25, 1930  
Samuel T. Sparks,  
November 27, 1934

Superintendent of Schools  
(School Commissioner to 1865)

J. C. Parks,  
November 29, 1853  
David D. James,  
November 14, 1857  
William G. Starkey,  
November 16, 1859  
A. S. Guthrie,  
November 13, 1863  
J. G. Chalfont,  
November 24, 1865  
Levi T. Regan,  
November 9, 1869  
James G. Chalfont,  
November 18, 1873  
William H. Derby,  
December 1, 1877  
Sam H. Guttery,  
December 1, 1882,  
December 6, 1886,  
December 1, 1890

J. S. Cole,  
November 28, 1894  
Evan P. Gram,  
November 29, 1898,  
November 11, 1902  
D. F. Nickols,  
December 18, 1906,  
December 13, 1910,  
December 1, 1914  
Edgar H. Lukenbill,  
March 23, 1916 (Appointed  
December 2, 1918,  
October 1, 1923,  
November 29, 1926,  
November 29, 1930,  
December 4, 1934



Surveyors  
(Beginning September 1936, Surveyor  
appointed by county board of supervisors)

Thomas R. Skinner,  
April 13, 1839  
Conway Pence,  
August 23, 1842,  
August 15, 1843,  
August 19, 1847,  
March 30, 1850,  
November 10, 1851,  
November 29, 1853,  
November 12, 1855  
Washington Skinner,  
November 24, 1857,  
November 16, 1859  
Joseph W. Ewing,  
November 3, 1861  
Lovi L. Hatton,  
November 13, 1863  
Daniel L. Brancher,  
November 24, 1865,  
November 1, 1867  
Thomas G. Gardiner,  
November 9, 1869,  
November 11, 1871,  
November 11, 1875,  
December 1, 1879

Thomas S. Davey,  
(Elected 1884)  
December 3, 1888,  
November 8, 1892  
(Date elected)  
John Zeter,  
November 3, 1896  
(Date elected)  
D. L. Brancher,  
November 30, 1900  
William C. Bates,  
November 8, 1904  
(Date elected)  
John F. Boyden,  
November 30, 1908  
Welby A. Hoblit,  
November 12, 1912  
Ray L. Walker,  
November 7, 1916  
(Date elected)  
1920, 1924 (Missing)  
Edward Tobin,  
November 6, 1928  
(Date elected)  
Albert L. Heitmann,  
November 8, 1932  
(Date elected)  
1936 (Appointed)



## 2. GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION AND RECORDS SYSTEM

The records that are listed in the present volume evidence the exercise and adoption of the several constitutional and statutory provisions for county government as applied to Logan County. One may say that these archives are the historical memoranda of the government in this county from its creation until the current date.

Logan County is a body corporate and politic which also serves as an administrative unit of the state. Within this county are townships and districts that comprise administrative units of the county government. The powers of the county as a body corporate or politic are exercised by the county board of supervisors which is made up of township supervisors elected from each township. This board has general administrative jurisdiction of county and town affairs, including authority to raise revenue within statutory limits, control of public and semipublic funds, management of corporate property, and power to appropriate money for roads and bridges. The county clerk is its ministerial and secretarial officer.<sup>1</sup>

The fiduciary aspect of finances is delegated to the county treasurer, who receives, has custody of, and disburses by orders of the county board of supervisors or with statutory authorization, all funds. In Logan County, he is also ex-officio supervisor of assessments, county collector and town collector, bringing about a centralization of the revenue procedure. The county clerk, as one phase of his duties, binds together the entire revenue procedure, originating certain records, collecting relevant information, and reporting from each officer or body concerned to the others.<sup>2</sup>

Justice in Logan County is administered by the following officers: two justices of the peace in each district, coextensive with townships;

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1. Constitution of 1818, Art. III, sec. 3; R.S.1845, p. 129-36; Constitution of 1848, Art. V, sec. 17,19, Art. VII, sec. 6; L.1849, p. 63-65; L.1851, p. 35-39,46,47,50-63; L.1859, p. 129; L.1861, p. 236-38; L.1869, p. 104; Constitution of 1870, Art. VI, sec. 18; R.S.1874, p. 260,273,321-25; L.1909, p. 160; L.1911, p. 242,243; L.1925, p. 323.
  2. R.S.1845, p. 136,138,139; L.1851, p. 37-45; L.1853, p. 14,66,77,111; L.1861, p. 239,240; Constitution of 1870, Art. X, sec. 8; L.1871-72, p. 664; L.1872, p. 11,14,15,19,23,41,47,55-58; L.1873, p. 51; R.S.1874, p. 323,324; L.1879, p. 241,242; L.1881, p. 133; L.1885, p. 142-47,234; L.1895, p. 304; L.1898, p. 36-45,50; L.1905, p. 360; L.1911, p. 485; L.1913, p. 516; L.1915, p. 568; L.1917, p. 654; L.1919, p. 765; L.1923, p. 495; L.1927, p. 744; L.1931, p. 747; L.1932, p. 84; L.1933, p. 898.





the county judge who also functions as ex-officio judge of the probate court; three circuit judges elected in the eleventh judicial district composed of five counties of which Logan is one. Appeals may be taken from the county or probate court to the circuit court. The records of the county and probate courts are kept by the county clerk as ex-officio clerk in both instances. The clerk of the circuit court serving Logan County is elected by the county electorate. The adult and juvenile probation officers assist the county and circuit courts in the administration of justice. The public administrator and the public county guardian perform their duties under the direction of the probate court. The state's attorney elected by the county electorate, serves as an agent for law enforcement and administration of justice in the county. The sheriff is the ministerial officer of all courts of record, and is the principal agent for the enforcement of law. The coronor shares many powers, as conservator of peace, with the sheriff; however, his major duty of holding inquests pertains to the administration of justice.<sup>1</sup>

In the administration of education, the county superintendent of schools occupies an important central position. In the townships are boards of trustees of school districts, aided by the town treasurer and town clerk; they have financial and executive powers, and responsibility to the superintendent in each. The superintendent also exercises wide supervisory powers in all matters relating to schools and educational affairs. Above him are the following authorities: the county board, exercising general financial control; the superintendent of public instruction, representing state academic supervision; the state department of public health, the state fire marshal, and the state architect, advising in such matters related to schools as fall within their province. The superintendent reports on his supervision in the county to all these<sup>2</sup> officers and bodies, thereby unifying the administration of education.

Public health services are similarly administered on all levels of government with the county clerk performing an important role. The county clerk maintains a complete record of vital statistics. These data are collected under the supervision of the state department of public health by the town clerks, who in Logan County act as local registrars.

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1. Constitution of 1818, Art. IV, sec. 4; L.1825, p. 70; R.S.1845, p. 75, 76, 143-58, 323-26, 414-27, 515-18, 548; Constitution of 1848, Art. V, sec. 7, 16, 17, 29; L.1849, p. 51, 62-67; L.1854, p. 16, 17; L.1859, p. 95-97; L.1861, p. 119; L.1865, p. 79, 80; Constitution of 1870, Art. V, sec. 25, Art. VI, sec. 12, 13, 18, 20; Art. X, sec. 8; L.1871-72, p. 77, 189, 190, 325; L.1872, p. 19, 32-34, 46, 55-58; R.S.1874, p. 172-75, 260-64, 273, 281-87, 321, 329, 339-41, 989-92; L.1877, p. 77-84; L.1881, p. 3; L.1889, p. 165; L.1895, p. 206, 210, 211, 217; L.1907, p. 213; L.1909, p. 311, 335; L.1919, p. 403; L.1931, p. 388; L.1933, p. 435-48, 451, 459.
  2. R.S.1845, p. 497-99; L.1872, p. 702-5; L.1889, p. 262-66; L.1909, p. 342-50; L.1915, p. 628-35; L.1919, p. 387; L.1929, p. 745.



Copies of records of births, stillbirths, and deaths are deposited monthly with the county clerk for recordation by the said local registrars.<sup>1</sup> Persons desiring to marry are required to file with the county clerk physicians' certificates showing each party free from venereal disease.<sup>2</sup> After the performance of the marriage ceremony, persons who celebrate the same are required to file a certificate of marriage with the county clerk's office. The clerk in turn makes registry and files the certificate in his office.<sup>3</sup> The state department of public health supervises lodging houses. The supervision is effected in Logan County through the reports collected by the county clerk.<sup>4</sup> The clerk is charged with keeping duplicate records and also with reporting to the state department, thereby again acting as the agent of state control in his county. A county nurse is employed for such public health duties as are delegated by the county board of supervisors. The county nurse also keeps the records of the tuberculosis board, which is a board supported by the sale of Christmas seals, and independent of the county. Although the county board is empowered to establish and maintain a tuberculosis sanitarium and county hospital, in Logan the board provides funds to pay for the care of indigent patients in private sanitariums instead of incurring the greater expense of maintaining its own institution. Those sanitariums are St. Johns and Palmer, both located in Sangamon county.

Public assistance is administered in Logan through the services of the county department of public welfare, the county home, the blind examiner, the county court and its appointed probation officer for mothers' pension, the county clerk and the county board of supervisors. An appointee of the county board is the executive officer of the department of public welfare. The said appointee, the county superintendent of public welfare, functions mainly under the direction of the state department of public welfare.<sup>5</sup> The county home is an establishment in Logan County for the maintenance and care of indigents. Its management and finances are provided by the county board of supervisors.<sup>6</sup> Blind assistance is administered in the county with appropriations of the county board together with state funds. An examiner of the blind appointed by the county board of supervisors examines all applicants referred to him by the county clerk.<sup>7</sup> The county court has jurisdiction in the administration of the mothers' pension fund. The probation officer, an appointee of the court for this purpose, investigates and visits cases of indigent mothers who are entitled to benefit.<sup>8</sup>

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1. L.1917, p. 759.
  2. L.1937, p. 908,909.
  3. R.S.1845, p. 345; R.S.1874, p. 694; L.1887, p. 225; L.1905, p. 317; L.1909, p. 276.
  4. L.1901, p. 304.
  5. Sp. sess. L.1935-36, p. 70-73; L.1937, p. 451.
  6. L.1839, p. 139; R.S.1874, p. 757; L.1935, p. 1057,1058.
  7. L.1903, p. 138; L.1915, p. 257; L.1935, p. 264.
  8. L.1913, p. 127; L.1915, p. 243; L.1921, p. 164; L.1935, p. 256.







Public and semipublic works are administered by township, county, and state authorities. The state department of public works and buildings, through the county superintendent of highways, exercises technical supervision of the construction and maintenance of township, county and state roads, culverts, and bridges in Logan County. The county superintendent of highways is also subject to the direction of the state chief highway engineer. Such records are kept as are prescribed by the state department and the chief highway engineer. The superintendent exercises powers over the township and county roads and bridges and is also granted supervision over state-aid roads in his county. Another aspect of this large phase of public works is the provision for drainage districts. These districts for agricultural, mining, or sanitary purposes are organized upon petition to, and action of the county court on reports of its appointed commissioners. Following the organization of special drainage districts, three commissioners are elected by the electorate of the district. The county clerk and county treasurer are ex-officio clerk and treasurer of each special drainage district. Finally, the county surveyor is necessarily often employed in these public and semipublic works.

The county surveyor also performs his basic function for private persons, as a step in the creation of land records. His maps and plats do not have legal status unless recorded in the recorder's office. The recorder, whose duties are performed in Logan County by the clerk of the circuit court in an ex-officio capacity, also is charged with the recordation of instruments affecting title to land and other classes of instruments conveying or establishing non-property rights.<sup>1</sup>

The coordination of county government in Logan County is effected essentially by the county clerk. In addition to his many and dissimilar duties, already noted, this officer issues licenses, has custody of official bonds, keeps various registers, acts for the board of review, and enters into the election procedure. The clerk is also a member of the county officers electoral board together with the county judge and state's attorney. This board hears objections to nominations for the different township, district and county offices. The entire concentration of duties, statutory jurisdiction over which is vested variously in the county board of supervisors, county court, and other bodies, results in considerable centralization of county government in the county clerk's office.<sup>2</sup>

The creation of such state agencies as touch upon county government is a later development, occurring between 1877 and 1917. The quantity and character of county records are affected thereby, but not the system of records. More significant in its effect on records is the concentration of multiple and dissimilar duties in the county clerk's office.

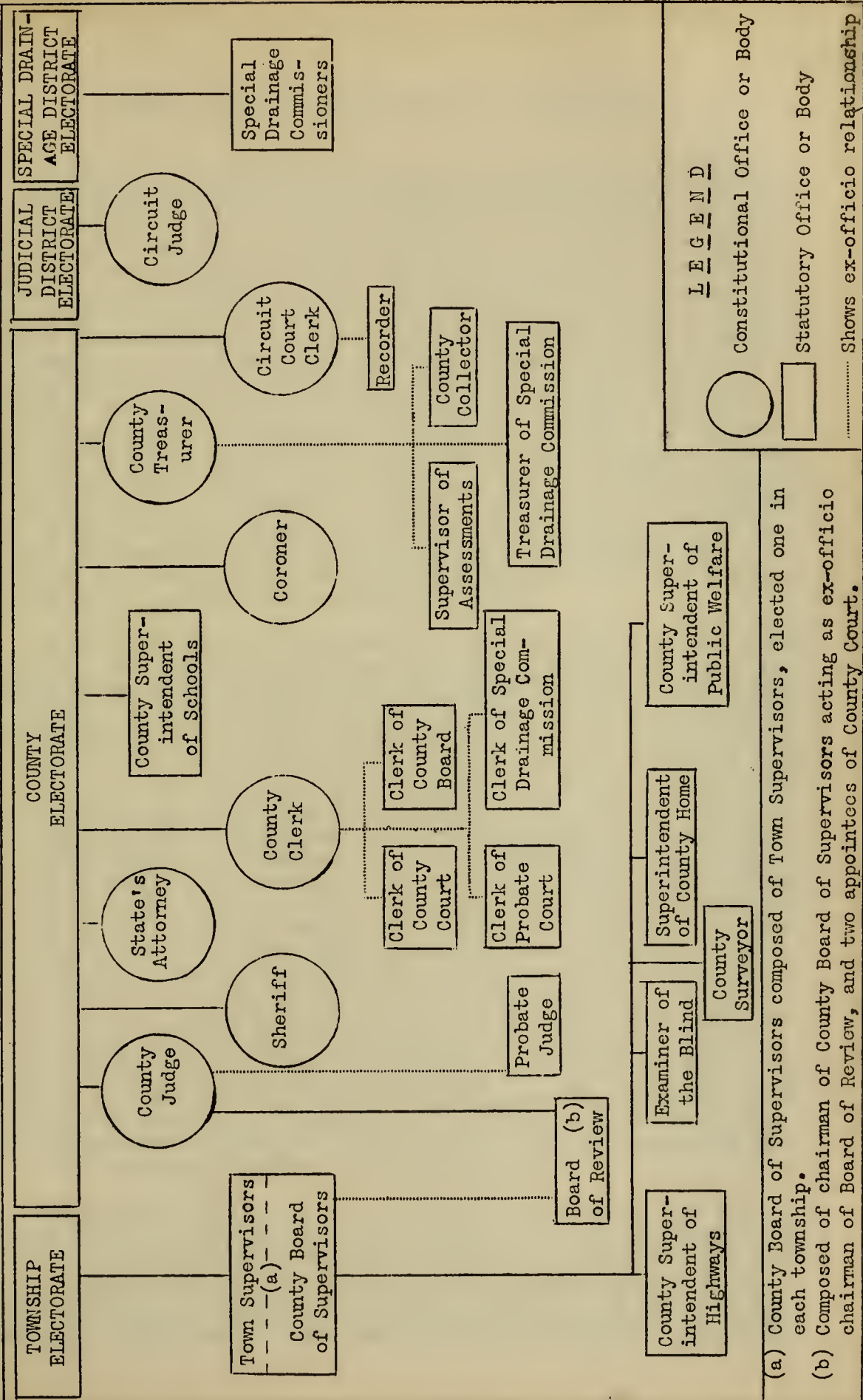
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1. R.S.1845, p. 305,432,606; R.S.1874, p. 833-35,1050; L.1885, p. 77; L.1901, p. 307; L.1915, p. 575; L.1921, p. 667.
  2. L.1819, p. 25,79,206; L.1845, p. 41,42; L.1861, p. 238; L.1872, p. 380; R.S.1874, p. 325; L.1877, p. 209; L.1885, p. 142; L.1891, p. 110; L.1933, p. 552.



Making for uniformity in records are laws requiring county boards to supply books and forms in many cases. But the only uniformity between counties is accomplished by the use of standard forms in a few cases required by state agencies. Legislation to extend this development has the support of local officers. Adequate statutory provision is made for rebinding and transcription of old records. The use of loose-leaf books has further improved records; statutory compulsion could extend the improvement. The legal provision to destroy election ballots after two years is not always regarded. New legislation for county records, more extensive in scope as well as more stringent, would be valuable.



GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION OF LOGAN COUNTY, 1938



- (a) County Board of Supervisors composed of Town Supervisors, elected one in each township.
- (b) Composed of chairman of County Board of Supervisors acting as ex-officio chairman of Board of Review, and two appointees of County Court.





### 3. HOUSING, CARE, AND ACCESSIBILITY OF THE RECORDS

Dignified and imposing in its simple Roman architectural design with tetrastyle porticos on each facade, and a central dome, the courthouse of Logan County in Lincoln might well serve as a state capitol, were size not important. Further distinction is gained by the four large clock dials built into the dome directly above the ridge of each portico. This outstanding public building, designed by J. M. Deal, architect, was erected in the years 1903 to 1905, at a cost of over two hundred thousand dollars. It is the fifth courthouse in the history of the county; the fourth building having been erected to replace the third which was destroyed by fire in 1857 with an almost total loss of records. The present courthouse is a reinforced concrete structure attractively faced with Cleveland sandstone; it is square in outline, each side measuring one hundred and twenty-six feet in length. Three full stories and a basement give a height of sixty-five feet, exclusive of the dome which rises sixty feet higher. Space content is 1,031,940 cubic feet. All offices and public rooms are well-lighted and ventilated. All the vaults have concrete floors, plastered walls and ceilings, and steel doors. Seventy-five percent of the total quantity of records are housed in these fireproof vaults.

On the first floor of the courthouse are the offices of the county treasurer, the county superintendent of schools, and the coroner. The offices of the treasurer and the superintendent of schools have adjoining vaults. Also on the first floor is the hall of the Grand Army of the Republic, with an adjoining vault which serves as a common depository for the records of the county and probate clerk, the circuit clerk and recorder, the treasurer, and the sheriff. On the second floor are the offices of the county clerk, the circuit clerk, the sheriff, and the superintendent of highways. The surveyor shares office space with the superintendent of highways. The county clerk has an east office and a west office and a vault, as has the circuit clerk. The superintendent of highways has a north office and a south office and a vault. The sheriff's office has a vault. The office of the county judge in which the county clerk has a small percentage of his records, is also on the second floor. In the basement is a common storage vault for the records of the county clerk, circuit clerk, treasurer, sheriff, coroner, superintendent of highways, and the surveyor. The buildings of the county home, and the superintendent's residence, a three-story brick structure built in 1881, are located a short distance from Lincoln. This building is judged to be sixty percent fireproof. Here on the second floor, in a wooden desk, the county home superintendent keeps his records. Financial records of the county home are kept in the county treasurer's office in the courthouse.

The treasurer in his office on the first floor keeps only the current portion or two percent of his records. No filing equipment is installed in this office as records are removed to the vault when not in use. Eighty-nine percent of the records are kept in this office vault, measuring eighteen feet by twenty-six feet, on six hundred and twenty-six linear feet of steel shelving and in one hundred and fifty



linear feet of steel file drawers. The county clerk also has one percent of his records in this vault. There is ample room here for present, as well as for future needs, with or without new shelving. In the Grand Army of the Republic vault are four percent of the treasurer's records, and the remaining five percent are stored in the common vault in the basement.

The Grand Army of the Republic vault, hereafter referred to as the G.A.R. vault, on the first floor, has an area of four hundred and fifty square feet. Four hundred and thirty-five linear feet of steel shelving, and twenty-three linear feet of steel file drawers do not provide sufficient storage space for the records of the county officials using this vault for a common depository. There is space for additional equipment, however, urgently needed to receive the records now stacked on the floor. Atmospheric and lighting conditions are poor; and no accommodations are provided for those wishing to consult the records stored here.

The other common storage depository, the common vault in the basement, has the same area as the G.A.R. vault. Officials using this vault are the county clerk, the circuit clerk, the treasurer, the sheriff, the superintendent of highways, the coroner, and the surveyor. This vault has no shelving and records are stacked on the floor. With the installation of shelving, for which there is ample room, more records may be stored, and present records will be filed in better shape, and be more accessible. Atmospheric and lighting conditions, like those in the G.A.R. vault, are poor; and no conveniences are available for those wishing to peruse the records.

The office of the superintendent of schools, on the first floor, contains no records; all the records are housed in a vault adjacent to the superintendent's office. Roller-type steel shelving and steel filing cabinets, with a total storage capacity of five hundred and seventy linear feet, make up the equipment of this vault. The present shelving is sufficient for some time to come, and there is space available for new equipment, whenever needed. The atmospheric conditions in this vault are fair, as are the accommodations furnished for persons desiring to consult the records.

Likewise on the first floor is the office of the coroner. This room measures fifteen by twenty-one feet, and is provided with eight linear feet of steel shelving, and some file boxes for unbound material. Here the coroner keeps approximately forty percent of his records. The room is of ample size for all purposes, with space to spare for additional equipment, if need arises. One desk, one table and a number of chairs provide liberal accommodations for consultants of the records. Forty percent of the records are housed in the common vault in the basement, and the remaining twenty percent are kept in the circuit clerk's vault on the second floor.

The county and probate clerk's quarters on the second floor consist of two offices, the east, and the west. The east office is for public use, while the west office is used for a workroom. Both offices







are approximately similar in size and layout, and both are well-ventilated and free from crowding of any sort. While the east office has part steel and part wooden shelving, the west office has wooden shelving only. In each office the county clerk keeps one percent of the total quantity of his records. All conditions in these two offices are ideal. In the vault adjoining the west office, this official keeps forty-nine percent of his records as clerk of the county court and about fifty percent of the probate court's records. Also here are sixty percent of the records of the special drainage commissioners, and all of the records of the minors' examining board; thirty percent of the special drainage commissioners' records are in the common vault in the basement, and the remaining ten percent are in the vault of the superintendent of highways on the second floor. Modern roller-type steel shelving and filing cabinets aggregating nearly fourteen hundred linear feet of storage capacity make up the equipment of the county clerk's vault. No crowding exists here and there is space left for expansion, even without new shelving. One long counter and two chairs afford all needed conveniences for persons wishing to consult these records. Another small portion, one percent of the county clerk's records, are kept in the county judge's office on a table. The G.A.R. vault on the first floor houses forty-four percent of the county clerk's records and the remaining fifty percent of the records of the probate court. Other portions of the county clerk's records are found in the treasurer's vault on the first floor and in the common vault in the basement; these depositories house one percent each of his records. The remaining two percent of the records are kept in the vault of the superintendent of highways on the second floor.

The circuit clerk and recorder's quarters on the second floor also consist of an east and a west office. The east office is the public office, while the west office serves as a workroom. Both are fine, large rooms, excellently lighted and ventilated, and not in the least crowded. The east office is equipped with wooden shelving and metal file boxes, while the west office has shelving only, but of the modern roller-type steel variety. The east office contains one percent of the circuit clerk's and five percent of the recorder's records. The corresponding amounts kept in the west office are two and ten percent, respectively. Both rooms have more than ample shelving for present needs and there is space available for additional equipment, whenever necessary. Several desks and chairs in both offices adequately serve the needs of those wishing to consult the records. The circuit clerk's vault, which adjoins his west office, houses seventy percent of the clerk's records, and fifty-five percent of his records as ex-officio recorder. Here also are filed sixty percent of the surveyor's records. This vault covers a floor area of about five hundred square feet and is equipped with more than seventeen hundred linear feet of roller-type steel shelving and several steel filing cabinets. This vault is not crowded and there is space available for future expansion, with and without new equipment. The conditions pertaining to ventilating and accommodations for users of the records are satisfactory. The office vault of the superintendent of highways on this floor houses one percent of the circuit clerk's records. In the G.A.R. vault on the first floor are kept twenty-five percent of the records of the circuit court and thirty



percent of the records of the recorder. The final portion of one percent of the circuit clerk's records is stored in the common vault in the basement. The circuit clerk also keeps the only two state's attorney's records found in Logan County.

The office of the sheriff is also located on the second floor. Fifty-five percent of his records are kept in an adjoining vault; in the G.A.R. vault on the first floor are five percent of the records, and in the common vault in the basement are the remaining forty-five percent of the sheriff's records. The second floor vault is equipped with steel shelving and a number of file boxes, aggregating fifty linear feet of storage capacity. This vault is somewhat crowded with the amount of shelving now on hand, but there is room left for the installation of new equipment. The only drawback of this vault is the total lack of accommodations for users of the records.

On the second floor also is found the office of the superintendent of highways. This office consists of two rooms, the north office and the south office. In addition, the superintendent has a vault on this floor. In the north office he keeps four percent and in the south office two percent of his records. Both offices are equipped with steel shelving and steel filing cabinets. There is an abundance of space available for expansion in both rooms, with and without new filing equipment. Each office is provided with desks and chairs for the convenience of those wishing to consult the records. In the vault are kept eighty-eight percent of the superintendent's records on steel shelving and in filing cabinets; also here are forty percent of the surveyor's records, two percent of county clerk's records, and one percent of the circuit clerk's. This depository has ample room for expansion, both with and without new equipment. No accommodations are provided for users of the records kept here, however. The second floor vaults of the county clerk and the circuit clerk each accommodate two percent of the superintendent's records. The final two percent of the records are stored in the common vault in the basement.

The office of the surveyor is in that of the superintendent of highways, on the second floor. No surveyor's records are kept in either office of the superintendent; the current records, or sixty percent, being kept in the circuit clerk's vault, while the old records, mostly maps, plats and plans, or forty percent, are housed in the office vault of the superintendent of highways.

In general, the records of this county are satisfactorily housed and well-preserved. Additional shelving is needed in the G.A.R. vault and shelving should be installed in the common vault in the basement. Only a small percentage of the older records are in need of rebinding. By local regulations, the board of supervisors is authorized to provide service of this kind. Gaps in records can be ascribed only to losses from fire, in moving from old courthouses to new, and to changes in administration and manner of keeping records.

The loose-leaf type of books is supplanting the bound volumes for some of the more important records. Indexing and filing, as practiced in Logan County, correspond in the main with the systems generally adopted by the great majority of other Illinois counties.





## 4. LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS, SYMBOLS, AND EXPLANATORY NOTES

alph.	alphabetical(ly)
app.	appendix
arr.	arranged
Art.	Article
assr.	assessor
atty.	attorney
aud.	auditor
bd.	board
bdl.	bundle(s)
bldg.	building
bsmt.	basement
ch.	chapter(s)
chron.	chronological(ly)
cir.	circuit
clk.	clerk
co.	county
coll.	collector
cont.	continued
cor.	coroner
ct.	court
dept.	department
f.b.	file box(es)
f.d.	file drawer(s)
fl.	floor
fm.	form
ft.	feet
hdgs.	headings
hdw.	handwritten
hwys.	highways
ibid.	ibidem - the same (references)
i.e.	id est - that is
Ill.S.A.	Illinois Statutes Annotated
in.	inch(es)
L.	Laws
mi.	mile(s)
no.(s)	number(s)
off.	office
p.	page(s)
pr.	printed
pro.	probate
rec.	recorder
R.L.	Revised Laws
rm.	room
R.S.	Revised Statutes
sch.	school(s)
sec.	section(s)
sep.	separate





List of Abbreviations, Symbols,  
and Explanatory Notes

(First entry, p. 49)

Sess.	Session
sh.	sheriff
Sp.	Special
strm.	storeroom
supt.	superintendent
surv.	surveyor
treas.	treasurer
twp.(s)	township(s)
U.S.R.S.	United States Revised Statutes
U.S.S.	United States Statutes
v.	volume(s)
vet.	veterinarian
vlt.	vault
--	current

1. Despite inaccuracies in spelling and punctuation, titles of records are shown in the inventory proper exactly as on volumes and file boxes. The current or most recent title is used as the title of the entry.

2. Explanatory additions to inadequate titles and corrections of erroneous titles are enclosed in parentheses and have initial capitals.

3. In the absence of titles, supplied titles are capitalized and enclosed in parentheses.

4. In the title set-up, letters or numbers in parentheses indicate the exact labeling on volumes or file boxes. If the volumes or file boxes are unlabeled, no labeling is indicated.

5. Title line cross references are used to complete series for records kept separately for a period of time, and in other records for different periods of time. They are also used in all artificial entries - records which must be shown separately under their own proper office or section heading even though they are kept in files or records appearing elsewhere in the inventory. In both instances, the description of the master entry shows the title and entry number of the record from which the cross reference is made. Dates shown in the description of the master entry are only for the part or parts of the record contained therein, and are shown only when they vary from those of the master entry.

6. Separate third paragraph cross references from entry to entry, and "see also" references under subject headings, are used to show prior, subsequent, or related records which are not part of the same series.

7. Unless the index is self-contained, an entry for the index immediately follows its record entry. Cross references are given for exceptions to this rule.

8. Records may be assumed to be in good condition unless otherwise indicated.

9. On maps and plat records, the names of author, engraver, and publisher, and information on scale have been omitted only when these data were not ascertainable.

10. Unless otherwise specified, all records are located in the county courthouse.



## I. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The county board of supervisors in Logan County has control of the county general administrative affairs and the promotion of public welfare. This body consists of the township supervisors who are elected one from each township with additional members elected on the basis of proportional representation. The board meets for the transaction of the business of the county annually on the second Tuesday of September and regularly on the second Monday of June in each year, and holds special meetings upon the request of one-third of its membership.<sup>1</sup> Other meetings are prescribed by law for the handling of specified affairs. At its first regular meeting in each year the board of supervisors organizes by electing one of its member as chairman. The meetings are held with open doors and anyone may attend.

The most important functions of the county board, with little change from the earliest date, are:

1. The purchase, sale, care, and custody of the real and personal estate owned by the county.
2. The management of county funds and business, except as otherwise specifically provided.
3. Examining and settling accounts against the county, and all accounts concerning the receipts and expenditures of the county.
4. Causing taxes for county purposes to be levied and collected annually.
5. Supervision of election, schools, and the selection of juries; construction and maintenance of roads and bridges; care of the indigent, infirm, and disabled; erection and management of the county workhouse and insane asylum; provision for and maintenance of a county tuberculosis sanitarium and a county hospital; the taking of all necessary measures and the institution of proceedings for the enforcement of all laws for the prevention of cruelty to animals; naming, or authorizing vacation of, town plats; and improving or prescribing details for county streets and highways.<sup>2</sup>

The first state constitution, 1818, made provision for the election of three county commissioners in each county whose powers and duties were to be regulated by law.<sup>3</sup> The establishment of elective county commissioners

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1. R.S.1874, p. 302; L.1899, p. 363.  
 2. L.1819, p. 175-77; R.S.1845, ch. XXVII, sec. 15,17,20,25,29,34-38; R.S.1874, ch. XL, sec. 25,57, p. 302; L.1911, p. 245; L.1923, p. 304; L.1933, p. 427,428; L.1935-36, Second Sp. Sess., p. 61.  
 3. Constitution of 1818, Schedule, sec. 4; L.1819, p. 175.





was a distinct change from the practice under the territorial government in Illinois prior to the formation of the state, the territorial laws having provided for the appointment of local officials by the territorial authorities. These local administrative officials also performed judicial functions within the limits of their jurisdiction.

In 1819 the General Assembly provided for the establishment of a county administrative court composed of the three elected officers and styled "the county commissioners' court".<sup>1</sup> The judicial jurisdiction of the court was restricted to cases concerning the county or county business. Starting in 1838, at the first election in a county the three commissioners elected were to draw lots for one, two, and three years to determine the length of service of each. Thereafter, one commissioner was to be elected each year for a three-year term to fill the place of the outgoing commissioner.<sup>2</sup> Logan County was established February 15, 1839,<sup>3</sup> and came under the administration of the county commissioners' court for a period of one decade.

The mobility of population with attachments to different types of local government was an influencing factor in the development of local government in Illinois. The emigrants from the South, where the large farms and plantations favored the division of the county into several administrative districts, fostered this type of government in their new home. People from the northern industrial and marketing states, on the other hand, found their needs best met by the township system. During the first decade of the state, following its organization in 1818, the disintegration of the early civil townships and formation of districts, and sub-districts for elections, roads, and other purposes, showed the influence of migration from the south.

The arrival of township adherents into Illinois from the East, and Middle Atlantic States, resulted from the town lot speculation which began early in Chicago and spread over the state. In addition to the marketing in Chicago of town plats, vessels regularly carried plats of town lots to the New York and Boston markets. The ensuing speculation which reached its peak in 1836, brought about an influx of settlers, and towns and marketing centers arose rapidly.

These conflicting influences, together with compromises and adaptation to local needs brought about the legislation enacted in 1849 for two types of county government in Illinois. An administrative county court was established for each county of the state, or an optional township plan could be chosen by a county electorate.<sup>4</sup> The electorate of Logan County, not

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1. Under the laws of 1819, the commissioners were to serve until August 1820; L.1819, p. 100. Then in 1821 the term was made for a biennial period; L.1821, p. 80; L.1823, p. 66; R.L.1829, p. 67; R.L.1833, p. 255.
  2. L.1836-37, p. 103-4; R.S.1845, p. 130-31.
  3. L.1839, p. 104.
  4. The Constitution of 1848, Art. VII, sec. 6, had required the general assembly to provide for an optional form of township organization of counties. See L.1849, p. 190-229, also L.1851, p. 35-78; Constitution of 1870, Art. X, sec. 6.



adopting the township plan in 1849, came under the administration of the county court for a period of eighteen years. The county court thus established in 1849 became successor to the county commissioners' court.<sup>1</sup> When so acting, the powers of the county court were carried out by the county judge and two justices of the peace. The county court serving in this capacity met at special terms and was distinct from the county court in its judicial function. In the latter instance, the duties were performed solely by the county judge.

At the election of 1865, the electorate of Logan County selected the township plan. The administrative county court was succeeded by the county board of supervisors, which body was composed of the township supervisors. The first township supervisors were elected on April 2, 1867, and the first meeting of the new county board was held on May 13, 1867. Logan County has been governed by the board of supervisors from the latter date until the present,

The main feature of the township law in Illinois was the decentralization of road administration and state functions, such as assessment and collection of taxes. However, the broader powers of transacting and administering county business remained vested in the county body itself.

To recapitulate, Logan County was governed by the county commissioners' court from 1839 to 1849, from 1849 to 1867 by the county court, and from 1867 to the present by the county board of supervisors.

The records listed in this section were kept by the clerk of the county commissioners' court until 1849, by the clerk of the county court until 1871, and by the county clerk as ex-officio clerk of the county board of supervisors to the present. For a brief period of four years, 1867-71, the clerk of the county court was ex-officio clerk of the county board of supervisors. However, in practice one may say that the county clerk was the clerk of the county administrative body from the organization of the county to the present. Although frequent reference was made to "county clerk" in legislation during the period before 1870, the variations noted above are in his official title for the period under consideration.

The major record kept by the clerk for the board is the minutes of its proceedings. This heterogeneous record includes: orders to issue warrants on the county treasury; the board's consideration of, and action on, reports of committees of its members on roads and bridges, indigent and infirm assistance, schools, taxation, etc.; and its orders in regard to juries, licenses, and other matters within its jurisdiction.<sup>2</sup>

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1. Constitution of 1848, Art. V, sec. 17,19; L.1849, p. 62-66.

2. L.1819, p. 5,6,28,77,127,334-38,352; L.1823, p. 145,149; L.1825, p. 130,131; R.L.1829, p. 126,132-37,151-53; L.1831, p. 89,90; L.1835, p. 131,132,136,200; L.1839, p. 71,72; R.S.1845, p. 51-55,287,342,403,437; L.1849, p. 66; L.1861, p. 234-37; R.S.1874, p. 323.





The clerk also keeps separately a register of orders issued on the county treasury and lists of jury venire, files and preserves all bills of accounts acted on by the board, and takes custody of reports required to be made to the board by the county treasurer, various school bodies, and a number of county officers.<sup>1</sup>

Other significant powers of the county board of supervisors include the regulation of county zoning, provision for regional planning, and authority to provide for a county library system, a county normal school, a county hospital and tuberculosis sanitarium, and historical research.

The zoning jurisdiction allows for the restriction and regulation of the location and use of building, structures and land for trade, industry, residence and other uses; the establishment of building or setback lines outside of the limits of cities, villages and incorporated towns; and the division of the county outside of these same limits into districts and areas, according to the use of land and buildings. The duty of the board when it desires to exercise this jurisdiction is to appoint a zoning commission which prepares a county zoning plan. If the county board adopts the recommended plan, it is then to provide for an enforcement officer and the appointment of a board of appeals.<sup>2</sup>

Similar to the provision for county zoning is the provision for regional planning. In the latter instance, the board may make a plan for guiding the development of the region, and of public improvements and utilities. For this purpose, the board may at any time appoint an advisory regional planning commission. In the promotion of a regional plan, two or more counties may cooperate in such a plan.<sup>3</sup>

If the electorate of the county vote for a county library system, the county board of supervisors is charged with the establishment, equipment, and maintenance of such a system. In this connection, the board may provide for county libraries or may make contracts with existing libraries. The management of the county library system, except in counties making contracts with existing libraries, is under the control of a county library board consisting of five members appointed by the county board of supervisors.<sup>4</sup>

The board of supervisors may establish a county normal school for the purpose of preparing teachers for the public schools. If a county normal school is established, its management is to be under a county board of education consisting of not less than five nor more than eight members, of which board the chairman of the county board of supervisors and the county superintendent of schools are to be members.<sup>5</sup>

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1. L.1819, p. 201,315; L.1825, p. 147; R.L.1827, p. 366; L.1843, p. 169; R.S.1845, p. 136,366; L.1861, p. 237; R.S.1874, p. 325.

2. L.1933, p. 421; L.1935, p. 692,693.

3. L.1929, p. 308.

4. L.1919, p. 736,738.

5. L.1909, p. 370,371.





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Proceedings; Disposition of  
Accounts

(1-4)

Instead of establishing its own county hospital or tuberculosis sanitarium, Logan County secures the cooperation of private sanitariums in caring for indigent patients. These institutions present their claims to the county board of supervisors, which orders warrants to be issued for such claims as are allowed.

The county board of supervisors may encourage or promote historical research within its jurisdiction by making appropriations for the publication of the proceedings, and such other papers or documents of historic interest, by any historical or other society engaged in historical research. The county board of supervisors undertaking such publication has the power to cause the same to be published in book or pamphlet form and to provide for the sale at prices as will reimburse the cost of publication.<sup>1</sup>

Proceedings of Board

1. (SUPERVISORS' PAPERS), 1857--. In (County Clerk's General File), entry 113.

Original documents in matters presented to the board of supervisors, bills, claims and miscellaneous papers.

2. SUPERVISOR'S RECORD, 1857--. 17 v. (1, 2, A-0). Title varies: County Court Record.

Records of county commissioners' court and county board of supervisors, including action on bills and claims; receipts and expenditures, reports of committees; reports of county clerk, county treasurer, sheriff, and township officials; road and bridge transactions. Also contains Register of Appropriations, 1857-69, 1886--, entry 6; (Notation of County Orders), entry 8; County Home Record (of Funds), 1884-1932, entry 372; (Sales of School Lands), entry 389; Highway Commissioners' Record, 1857-1912, 1925--, entry 414. Arr. chron. No index. 1857-1903, hdw.; 1904--, typed. 300 p. 18 x 12 x 3. V. 1, 2, 1857-66, J-O, 1908--, co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.; v. A-I, 1867-1907, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

3. CLERK'S SUPERVISORS RECORD, 1893--. 5 v. (3-7).

Record of proceedings of board of supervisors, showing term date, minutes of meeting, date set for next meeting, and signature of clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 200 - 300 p. 8 x 12 x 1 - 14 x 10 x 1½. V. 3, 1893-1904, 6, 7, 1926--, co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.; v. 4, 5, 1905-25, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

Disposition of Accounts

County Budget and Appropriations

4. BUDGET RECORD, 1934--. 1 v. (1).

Budget account book showing name of fund, date, amount appropriated to and from what funds, voucher number, amount received and disbursed, obligations incurred, incumbrances, and fee balance. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 625 p. 18 x 12 x 3. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

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1. L.1907, p. 374.



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5. COUNTY MOTOR FUEL ALLOTMENT RECORD, 1932--. 1 v. (CH-16).  
Account of county motor fuel tax allotments, showing route and section  
numbers, receipt and claim, explanation, amounts received and disbursed,  
and balance available. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 100 p.  
8 x 12 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

6. REGISTER OF APPROPRIATIONS, 1870-85. 1 v. 1857-69, 1886-- in  
Supervisors' Record, entry 2.  
Register of appropriations made by county board of supervisors, showing  
date, to whom made, on what account, amount, and date paid. Arr. chron.  
No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 158 p. 15 x 10 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

Registers of County  
Orders (See also entries 378-380)

7. REGISTER OF COUNTY ORDERS, 1857--. 16 v. (A-P). Title  
varies: Register of County Warrants.  
Register of all county orders, jury certificates, and warrants, showing  
order number, to whom payable, amount, and dates presented and paid. Also  
contains County Highway Warrant Register, 1857-1931, entry 9; Account Book  
Births and Deaths, 1857-1901, entry 107; and Claim Register (Highway),  
1857-1931, entry 426. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 167 p.  
16 x 10 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . V. A-O, 1857-1934, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.; v. P, 1935--, co.  
clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

8. (NOTATION OF COUNTY ORDERS), 1857--. In Supervisors' Record,  
entry 2.  
Notation of county orders issued, showing to whom released, against what  
fund charged, amount, date, and order number.

9. COUNTY HIGHWAY WARRANT REGISTER, 1932--. 1 v. (CH-10).  
1857-1931 in Register of County Orders, entry 7.  
Duplicate copies of county highway warrants, showing date, warrant and  
claim numbers, to whom and for what issued, amount of warrant, and date  
of cancellation by bank. Arr. chron. Hdw. on pr. fm. 150 p. 14 x 12 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ .  
Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

10. REGISTER OF SPARROW WARRANTS, 1892-1902. 2 v. (1 not numbered,  
2). Discontinued.  
Register of orders issued for bounties on English sparrows, showing date,  
order number, to whom issued, amount, total number of sparrows, date killed  
and date of cancellation. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs.  
200 p. 14 x 10 x 1. G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.  
For stubs of sparrow warrants see entry 17; for sparrow bounty certi-  
ficates see entry 113.

11. SOLDIERS BOUNTY ACCOUNT BOOK, 1862-65. 1 v.  
Account book of bounties paid to Civil War volunteers, showing marital  
status, service record, and date and amount of bounty paid. Arr. chron.  
Indexed alph. by name of volunteer. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 150 p.  
14 x 9 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.





## 12. REGISTER WARRANTS GROUND HOGS, CROWS AND CROWS EGGS, 1908-10.

1 v. Discontinued.

Register of warrants issued for destroying ground hogs, crows, and crows eggs, showing date, names of claimant and township, number of warrant, and scalps or eggs, and amount of bounty. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 297 p. 16 x 9 x 2. G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

Cancelled CountyOrders (See also entry 382)

## 13. CANCELLED WARRANTS, 1934---. 3 f.b. 1857-1933 in (County Clerk's General File), entry 113.

Original cancelled county orders for jury certificatos, mothers' pension, county home, public buildings and janitors' supplies, tuberculosis sanatorium, and blind relief, and on county officers' fund, road and bridge fund, state-aid road, and motor fuel tax funds. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 114. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 14. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

## 14. CLAIMS STATE AID ROADS, 1926---. 1 f.b.

Original highway claim warrants and purchase orders paid from state-aid road fund, for labor, insurance, tractor, hardware, and miscellaneous supplies. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 114. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 14. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

## 15. MOTOR FUEL TAX CLAIMS, 1932---. 1 f.b.

Original highway claim warrants paid out of motor fuel tax fund, for labor, insurance, tractor, hardware, bridge, and miscellaneous supplies, showing name of claimant, date, amount, nature of claim, and amount paid. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 114. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 14. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

## 16. BIRTH WARRANTS, 1903-7. 1 v.

Stubs of birth warrants kept separately for five-year period, showing warrant number, amount, to whom paid, report of birth, date, and name of clerk. Arr. by warrant no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 50 p. 18 x 12 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

For prior and subsequent records of payments for births, see entry 107.

## 17. SPARROW WARRANTS (Stubs), 1901-2. 1 v. Discontinued.

Stubs of sparrow bounty warrants, showing warrant number, to whom payable, number of sparrows killed, date, and amount of warrant. Arr. by warrant no. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 20 p. 16 x 4 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

For register of sparrow warrants, see entry 10.

Relief and Pension Funds andApplications (See also entries 113, 371-374)

## 18. PENSION ACCOUNT BOOK, 1913---. 3 v. (1 not numbered, 2, 3).

Pension account book showing names of payee or beneficiary, court decree, resolution of board, amount and date payable, number of order, and remarks. Also contains Mothers' Pension Account Book, 1913-20, entry 20. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of payee. Hdw. on pr. fm. 281 p. 14 x 9 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . 1 v. not numbered, 1913-27, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.; v. 2, 3, 1928---, co. clk.'s east off., 2nd fl.



19. RECORD OF BLIND BENEFITS, 1903--. 1 v.  
Register of benefits for the blind, showing name and address of applicant, dates of application, examination, return of certificate to county clerk, granting of pension, and result of examination. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of applicant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 100 p. 14 x 10 x 1. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

20. MOTHERS' PENSION ACCOUNT BOOK, 1921--. 1 v. (2). 1913-20 in Pension Account Book, entry 18.  
Mothers' pension account book showing order number, date, to whom payable, names and ages of minor children benefited, amounts payable per month, court decree, and remarks. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of payee. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 150 p. 18 x 12 x 1. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

21. RECORD OF RELIEF, 1931-38. 5 v.  
Record of unemployment relief, showing dates, names of township and relief officer, to whom issued, by whom received, type and quantity of articles, and length of time for which relief is given. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 50 p. 12 x 9 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

#### Bills and Claims

22. COUNTY CLAIMS, 1936--. 1 f.b. 1857-1935 in (County Clerk's General File), entry 113.  
County claims, including sheriff's claims for court attendance fees, utilities bills, and claims for poor relief against county general fund. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 14. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

23. VOUCHER OF CLAIMS, TUBERCULOSIS BOARD, 1922--. 1 f.b.  
Original vouchers for claims presented to county board for care of tubercular patients by private sanatoriums, showing dates, and amounts of claims and vouchers presented and passed for payment. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 114. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 14. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

24. COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT'S RECORD OF REQUISITION AND PURCHASE ORDER, 1932. 1 v. (CH-2). Discontinued.  
Record of county highway superintendent's requisitions and purchase orders, showing dates of requisition, purchase, and delivery, requisition and purchase order numbers, commodity, quantity, estimated price, firm name, actual price, and place delivered. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 100 p. 12 x 18 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

For other records of purchase orders, see entry 14.

25. COUNTY HOME CLAIMS, 1935--. 1 f.b. 1869-1934 in (County Clerk's General File), entry 113.  
County home claims of employees, doctors, and retail merchants, showing date, nature and amount of claim, and amount and date paid. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 14. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.





Management of County Properties and Roads

Proposals, Bids, and  
Contracts (See also entry 113)

26. CONTRACTS STATE AID, 1915--. 1 f.b.  
Original contracts for state-aid roads, showing contracts for earth work, fencing, graveling, surveying, grading, road oil, and bridge flooring. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 114.  $10\frac{1}{2}$  x  $4\frac{1}{2}$  x 14. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

27. BUILDING COMMITTEE, 1904. 1 f.b.  
Original contracts for the building of courthouse, including general and sub-contracts. Arr. alph. by name of contractor. For index, see entry 114.  $10\frac{1}{2}$  x  $4\frac{1}{2}$  x 14. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

28. RECORD OF COURTHOUSE BUILDING COMMITTEE, 1903-4. 1 v.  
Proceedings of courthouse building committee, showing date, names and addresses of members of committee, chairman, clerk, attorney, minutes of meetings, bids received, and action taken. Also contains clippings which have been pasted in the book. Arr. chron. No index. Typed. 246 p. 14 x 10 x 2. G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

Bond Issues

29. REGISTER OF SCHOOL DISTRICT BONDS, 1927--. 2 v. (1, 1).  
Duplicate registers of school district bonds, showing name of issuing body, number, date, amount, maturity, and purpose of bond, and date of registry. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 200 p. 18 x 12 x  $1\frac{1}{2}$ . Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

30. LAKE FORK SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT BOND BOOK, 1929--. 1 v.  
Register of county bonds issued to raise money for special drainage district, showing bond numbers, interest coupon, principal value, interest, and dates due and paid. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 150 p. 12 x 9 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

Insurance (See also entry 113)

31. INSURANCE RECORD OF LOGAN COUNTY PROPERTY, 1910-25. 1 v.  
Record of insurance maintained on county properties, showing policy number, names and addresses of insurance company and agent, amount and kind of insurance, property insured, dates of beginning and expiration, rate, total premium, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 100 p. 18 x 12 x 1. G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

Reports to Board

32. (AUDITS OF ACCOUNTS), 1857--. In (County Clerk's General File).  
entry 113.  
Audits of accounts of receipts and expenditures of county officers.





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33. (REPORTS OF COUNTY TREASURER), 1857--. In (County Clerk's General File), entry 113.  
County treasurer's reports to board of supervisors, showing amounts and sources of receipts, funds to which allocated, expenditures from each fund, totals, and balance.

34. (INSANE HOSPITAL REPORTS), 1857--. In (County Clerk's General File), entry 113.  
Reports of superintendent of insane hospital, showing receipts of funds and itemized list of expenditures.

35. TREASURER'S ACCOUNT OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES FOR ROADS AND BRIDGES, 1914--. 2 v.  
Treasurer's report of receipts and expenditures for roads and bridges, showing name of township, date, to whom and for what paid, order number, number of hours of work, funds for general hard roads, grading and dragging, bridge and culvert repairs, supplies, machinery, damages, miscellaneous, and totals. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 200 p. 8 x 14 x 1. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

36. TOWN AUDITOR'S RECORD, 1867-1903. 3 v. (A-C). Subsequent records kept by township clerks.  
Copies of town auditors' reports, showing date of meeting of auditors, names of township supervisors, town clerk, and justice of peace, roll call of officers, and minutes of meeting. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 300 p. 14 x 9 x 1. G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

Jury Lists

(See also entries 260, 296, 297, 320, 322, 323)

37. LIST OF JURORS, 1872--. 5 v. (1 not lettered, A-D). 1857-71 in (County Clerk's General File), entry 113.  
Jury list, showing dates of term, selection, drawing, and service, juror's name and address, court, and jury served on. Arr. chron. No index. 1872-1918, hdw. on pr. fm.; 1919--, typed on pr. fm. 300 p. 18 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . 1 v. not lettered, 1872-86, v. A, B, 1887-1905, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.; v. C, D, 1906--, co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

Civil Service Rules

38. (CIVIL SERVICE RULES), 1905--. In (County Clerk's General File), entry 113.  
List of classifications of civil service positions and rules governing examinations, appointments, and service.



## II. COUNTY CLERK

The county clerk has the most varied duties of any county official. To his office belong important duties relating to taxation, elections, vital statistics, licenses, bonds, and lesser duties in the operation of county government. Jurisdiction in these matters is distributed to a number of state and county authorities, and the clerk's relationship with these groups makes him a de facto chief executive officer of the county. He is custodian of the county records, ex-officio clerk of both the county board of supervisors and the county court. The records he keeps in each case belong to his office, the county board, and the county court respectively.

The early legal status of the county clerk was first as clerk of the county commissioners' court, an administrative, nonjudicial body.<sup>1</sup> The clerk was in practice, the county clerk, as well as clerk of the county commissioners' court.

An interesting change took place in this office under the Constitution of 1848 and the legislation of 1849. The clerk served as an officer of both an administrative body and a judicial court. His title was clerk of the county court.<sup>2</sup> The administrative body was the county court (the county board) sitting at special terms and composed of the county judge and two justices of the peace. The judicial court was the county court administered by the county judge. The clerk of the court in its administrative function was successor to the clerk of the county commissioners' court. His ex-officio office as clerk of a judicial court began at this time, namely 1849. His ministerial duties as clerk of the county court extended also to the court's probate jurisdiction. For this county court function, the clerk performed the ministerial duties formerly delegated to the probate justice of the peace.<sup>3</sup>

In 1867, another change was made in the governing body of the county. The county board of supervisors became the new county administrative body. The duties formerly commissioned to the county court for county transactions were transferred to this board. Accordingly, the clerk of the county court became ex-officio clerk of the county board of supervisors.

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1. Clerk was an appointee of the commissioners' court from 1819 to 1837. L.1819, p. 175. In 1837, the office became elective with a term of two years. R.L.1837, p. 49; R.S.1845, p. 573.
  2. Constitution of 1848, Art. V, sec. 16,18,19; L.1849, p. 63. Like his predecessor, an elective officer, but with a term of four years.
  3. Ibid.





The clerk when acting for the county was frequently referred to in legislation, prior to 1870, as the county clerk. However, the Constitution of 1870 titled the clerk, when so acting, as the county clerk. He was to be elected by the county electorate as the county clerk and to continue to act as clerk of the county court, probate court, and of the county administrative body.<sup>1</sup>

With the revision of the law of 1874, a careful distinction in terms came to be made. The county clerk, whenever he acts for the county court in its judicial capacity, is referred to as clerk of the county court,<sup>2</sup> and when he acts for the county board, he is expressly declared to be so doing.<sup>3</sup> Thus the simple designation of county clerk is reserved for the officer when he performs that group of duties which belong to his office alone, and which gives rise to the records in this section.<sup>4</sup>

In review, it may be said that the county clerk's office has existed in Logan County from its organization in 1839 to the present time. The earliest title was clerk of the county commissioners' court; then, ten years after the creation of the county, he was titled clerk of the county court; and finally under the Constitution of 1870 his title became county clerk. Starting with the present Constitution of 1870 until today, the county clerk when acting in each of his ex-officio capacities is referred to as clerk of the county board of supervisors, clerk of the county court, and clerk of the probate court. His office as clerk of a judicial court, however, began in 1849.

The clerk is required to keep an extensive group of taxation records. He has legal custody of the books used by the supervisor of assessments and compiles those used by the collector, obtains and prepares abstracts of assessments and collections, keeps records of the proceedings of special tax bodies, makes reports of delinquent taxes returned by the collector, attends all tax sales and prepares a list of all sales and issues duplicate reports thereof, and records affidavits of purchases of property for taxes; records tax sales, forfeitures, and redemptions in a book kept by him known as "the tax judgment, sale, redemption, and forfeiture record."<sup>5</sup> In addition, various lists and receipts involved in the taxation procedure from beginning to end are required to be transmitted to him.<sup>6</sup>

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1. Constitution of 1870, Art. VI, sec. 18 and Art. X, sec. 8. The clerk's term was set for four years.
  2. R.S.1874, p. 260.
  3. R.S.1874, p. 273.
  4. The bond of the county clerk, however, covers also his actions as clerk of the county court and as clerk for the county board. The penal sum is fixed by the latter body, which also passes on the securities, and the bond itself is filed with the clerk of the circuit court. R.S.1874, p. 321.
  5. L.1819, p. 317; L.1825, p. 173,174; R.L.1827, p. 327-33; L.1839, p. 4-7, 12,14; L.1845, p. 9,11,12; L.1853, p. 77; L.1855, p. 35-37,40; L.1872, p. 19,32-34,46,48,55; L.1873, p. 51; L.1879, p. 240-42; L.1881, p. 133; L.1885, p. 233,234; L.1898, p. 41,47-50; L.1915, p. 389; L.1935, p. 121.
  6. R.L.1827, p. 330; R.L.1837, p. 572; L.1840, p. 4; L.1843, p. 232; L.1872 p. 56-58; L.1885, p. 233; L.1898, p. 40,41; L.1909, p. 311,333.



The department of public health in Illinois has charge of the registration of births and deaths but the county clerk keeps complete records of that category of vital statistics, as well as of marriages, the registration of which is regulated solely by statute.

Persons desiring to marry are now required to file physicians' certificates with the county clerk showing each party to be free of venereal disease. After filing the certificates of physical examination, the parties are then entitled to apply for a marriage license which is issued by the county clerk.<sup>1</sup> Following the ceremony, marriage certificates are returned to the clerk by persons qualified to celebrate the same. Copies of birth, stillbirth, and death certificates are transmitted to the county clerk by local registrars of the department of public health. In Logan County, the clerks of townships perform the duties of local registrars. The county clerk registers and files all certificates and records marriages, births, and deaths in separate books and indexes each separately.<sup>2</sup>

Blind relief funds are provided jointly by the county and state.<sup>3</sup> Applicants claiming benefits of the fund are required to go before the county clerk and make affidavit of their residence and incapacity.<sup>4</sup> The county clerk files the application and refers the applicant to the examiner of the blind.<sup>5</sup> The clerk keeps a register of all applications and dates of examination of those entitled to benefits of the blind relief funds. Following the certification of the examiner of the blind, the clerk certifies to the county board of supervisors those entitled to benefit.<sup>6</sup>

The clerk is involved in nearly every step of the election procedure. He issues and keeps a record of blank ballots; petitions, marked ballots, tally sheets, and returns of elections are required to be transmitted to him by the judges of election.<sup>7</sup> Formerly the clerk originated the abstracts of returns; those currently found in his office are copies he is required by law to obtain from the election commissioners or judges of election. Canvasses were also originally made by the clerk alone, but now the clerk, with the justices of the peace, audits votes by election precincts.<sup>8</sup>

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1. L.1937, p. 910.
  2. L.1819, p. 26,281; R.S.1845, ch. XVII, sec. 3-5, ch. LXIX, sec. 6; R.S.1874, p. 695; L.1877, p. 200-210; L.1901, p. 301-4; L.1903, p. 315-18; L.1915, p. 660-70; L.1917, p. 2-36,763-66.
  3. L.1927, p. 202.
  4. L.1903, p. 138; L.1915, p. 256.
  5. L.1915, p. 256.
  6. Ibid.
  7. L.1819, p. 25,206; L.1821, p. 77; L.1823, p. 54,55; R.L.1829, p. 59,60; L.1845, p. 41,42; L.1871-72, p. 380; L.1885, p. 142.
  8. L.1819, p. 96; L.1885, p. 142.





The bonds of a number of county officers are required to be transmitted to the clerk and filed by him. He is required to keep a book in which is to be entered a minute of those bonds, and such other information as will serve to provide an index to them.<sup>1</sup> In practice, this book is sometimes broken down into several volumes, segregating information relating to bonds of separate officers.

The clerk issues licenses to poddlers, taverns, ferries, etc., and is required to keep records thereof.<sup>2</sup> In addition, he keeps records of estrays, registers of physicians and midwives, and lists of county officers, compiled from information sent to him to enable him to perform these and other duties of his office.<sup>3</sup>

Besides the documents he is required to issue and those he is required to file and preserve, the county clerk also is charged by law with the care and custody of all other books and papers pertaining to his office.<sup>4</sup> As part of this last group, arising indirectly in the performance of his other duties, he is required to keep alphabetical indexes.<sup>5</sup>

#### Taxation

(See also entries 324-353)

#### Lists of Taxable Property, Levies.

39. ASSESSOR'S BOOKS, LANDS, LOTS, AND PERSONAL PROPERTY, 1857--.  
1269 v. (Ranges 1-4, Logan County as a whole, 1857-66. 21 v.  
Missing: Lands, 1857, 1858, 1865; Lots, 1857, 1858, 1865.  
Aetna Township, 1867--. 75 v. Missing: Real Estate and Personal  
Property, 1899, 1907, 1911.  
Atlanta Township, 1867--. 69 v. Missing: Real Estate and Personal  
Property, 1868, 1871, 1873, 1874, 1876, 1890, 1899, 1907, 1911.  
Broadwell Township, 1867--. 73 v. Missing: Real Estate and Personal  
Property, 1878, 1899, 1907, 1911.  
Chester Township, 1867--. 66 v. Missing: Real Estate and Personal  
Property, 1873, 1874, 1899, 1905, 1907, 1911.  
Corwin Township, 1867--. 65 v. Missing: Real Estate and Personal  
Property, 1867-72, 1875, 1877, 1878, 1899, 1907, 1910, 1911.  
East Lincoln Township, 1867--. 118 v. Missing: Real Estate and  
Personal Property, 1872, 1884, 1889, 1899-1909, 1911-34; Personal  
Property, 1867-98, 1910, 1913; Lands, 1867-99, 1905, 1910, 1912,  
1917, 1918; Lots, 1867-98, 1900, 1901, 1909, 1910, 1912, 1919-34.  
Elkhart Township, 1867--. 58 v. Missing: Real Estate and Personal  
Property, 1867-76, 1878-81, 1887, 1890, 1899, 1907, 1911.

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1. L.1861, p. 238; R.L.1874, p. 325.

2. L.1819, p. 79; R.L.1827, p. 320; R.L.1833, p. 439; R.L.1837, p. 175.

3. L.1819, p. 206, 207; R.L.1827, p. 190, 191; L.1877, p. 209.

4. R.S.1874, p. 327.

5. R.S.1874, p. 331.





Eminence Township, 1867--. 73 v. Missing: Real Estate and Personal Property, 1874, 1899, 1907, 1911.  
 Hurlbut Township, 1867--. 62 v. Missing: Real Estate and Personal Property, 1867-71, 1875-78, 1883, 1889, 1907, 1911.  
 Laenna Township, 1867--. 73 v. Missing: Real Estate and Personal Property, 1871, 1899, 1907, 1911.  
 Lake Fork Township, 1867--. 62 v. Missing: Real Estate and Personal Property, 1867-71, 1873, 1874, 1878-80, 1883, 1899, 1907, 1911; Lands, 1899.  
 Mount Pulaski Township, 1867--. 87 v. Missing: Real Estate and Personal Property, 1867-71, 1873-77, 1879-81, 1887, 1889, 1899, 1907, 1911-34; Personal Property, 1867-98, 1900-1906, 1908-10, 1914; Lands, 1867-98, 1900-1906, 1908-10, 1912, 1915.  
 Oran Township, 1867--. 64 v. Missing: Real Estate and Personal Property, 1867-72, 1874-77, 1890, 1899, 1906, 1907, 1911.  
 Orvil Township, 1867--. 73 v. Missing: Real Estate and Personal Property, 1899, 1906, 1907, 1911.  
 Prairie Creek Township, 1867--. 69 v. Missing: Real Estate and Personal Property, 1867, 1868, 1870-72, 1874, 1875, 1899, 1907, 1910, 1911.  
 Sheridan Township, 1867--. 60 v. Missing: Real Estate and Personal Property, 1867-71, 1873, 1874, 1880, 1883, 1885, 1888, 1899, 1907, 1911.  
 West Lincoln Township, 1867--. 101 v. Missing: Real Estate and Personal Property, 1899, 1903, 1907, 1911-34; Personal Property, 1867-98, 1900-1906, 1908-10, 1913, 1914; Lands, 1867-98, 1900-1906, 1908-10, 1914, 1917; Lots, 1867-98, 1900-1913, 1915, 1919-34).

List of land, lots, and personal property, showing name and address of property owner, description of property, value, tax spread, and total tax. From 1857-66, lands, lots, personal property kept separately by range numbers; after formation of townships in 1867, list of real estate and personal property combined one volume per year per township; lists of lands and lists of personal property kept separately in all townships, except East Lincoln, West Lincoln, and Mount Pulaski, for years 1899, 1907, 1911, plus 1906 for Oran and 1910 for Prairie Creek; list of lots for Atlanta and for Corwin for 1899 also kept separately; lists of personal property, lands, lots, for East Lincoln, West Lincoln and Mount Pulaski, kept separately from 1867 to date. Arr. by sec., twp., and range for lands and lots; alph. by name of taxpayer for personal property. No index. 100 p. 16 x 10 x 1. 750 v., 1857-1911, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.; 476 v., 1912-34, vlt. of supt. of hwy., 2nd fl.; 43 v., 1935--, co. clk.'s west off., 2nd fl.

40. ASSESSOR'S BOOKS, LANDS AND LOTS (Duplicates), 1899-1931. 173 v. Assessor's books of real and personal property, showing names of owner and former owner, location, description of property, tax spread, and remarks. Arr. by sec., twp., and range. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 100 p. 17 x 14 x 1. 139 v., 1899-1926, vlt. of supt. of hwy., 2nd fl.; 34 v., 1927-31, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

41. ABSTRACT OF TAXES, 1880--. 4 v. (A, B, 2 not lettered). 1857-79 in (County Clerk's General File), entry 113.  
 Tax abstracts showing names of township, lands, lots, and personal property assessed, total assessed value, total of railroad taxes, tax spread, and grand total. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 150 p. 12 x 24 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.



42. ABSTRACT OF TAXES (Personal Property), 1871. 1 v.  
Abstract of personal property taxes, showing number and name of township, value, and average value of all chattel property, and signature of clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 p. 17 x 16 x 1. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

43. RAILROAD TAX BOOKS, 1874--. 11 v. (1 not numbered, 2-9, 2 not numbered).  
List of taxable railroad property, showing name of railroad, location of property by town, city, village or school district, kind and description of property, acreage of right of way, linear feet of track, value as listed by railway company, and as assessed, corrected, and equalized by county board and state board, tax spread, total tax, and date of filing. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 150 p. 18 x 12 x 1. 1 v. not numbered, 2-8, 1874-1927, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.; v. 9, 1928-33, co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.; 2 v. not numbered, 1934--., co. clk.'s west off., 2nd fl.  
For prior records, see entry 51.

44. (SCHOOL TAX RECORDS), 1857--. In (County Clerk's General File), entry 113.  
School tax record showing name of district, description of property assessed, amount of levy for school purposes, amounts assessed and collected.

45. VALUATION IN THE VARIOUS TOWNSHIPS TAX LEVIES, RATES AND AMOUNTS, 1904--. 30 v. Last entry 1933.  
Valuation of property in the various townships, showing date, name of township, school district number, tax spread, levies and rates, totals, and grand total of property in each township. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 50 p. 20 x 18 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

46. REVENUE PAPERS AND TAX LEVIES, 1935--. 2 f.b. 1857-1934 in (County Clerk's General File), entry 113.  
Original statement of fees for extension, assessment, and collection of taxes, and certificates of tax levy for school district, road and bridge, and town taxes. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

47. SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL, 1902--. 5 v. (1-5)  
Special assessment roll showing date, name of owner, legal description of property, amounts of installments, total, and total of assessment. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 415 p. 18 x 16 x 3. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

48. GRAND SUMMARY (Personal Property and Real Estate), 1900. 1 v.  
Grand summary of personal property and real estate, showing list and number of items, average, full and assessed value of personal property, improved, unimproved, and railroad lands and lots, value of all real estate and personal property, and total value. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 300 p. 18 x 12 x 3. G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.





## 49. RECORD OF AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS (Ranges 1-4), 1877-86.

2 v. (A, 1877-86; 1, 1878-85).

Record of agricultural statistics, ranges 1-4, showing date, names of township and assessor, acres and bushels of farm crops, number and value of livestock, number of acres of pasture, woodland, and uncultivated land, total in township, and areas of cities and towns. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of twp. Hdw. on pr. fm. 432 p., 13 x 11 x 2 - 16 x 11 x 2. G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

## 50. (LANDS LISTED FOR TAXATION), 1857. 1 v. Discontinued.

Lands listed for taxation for year 1857, showing owner's name, date, legal description, acreage, value per acre, tax spread, total tax, and remarks. Arr. chron. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. Binding and paper very poor, writing faded. 150 p. 16 x 11 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

Collection, Abatement

## 51. COLLECTOR'S BOOKS, 1857--. 377 v. (Logan County, Real Estate, 1858-66. 9 v.; Personal Property, 1860. 1 v.

Range 1, Real Estate and Personal Property, 1867-1933. 67 v.

Range 2, Real Estate and Personal Property, 1867-1933. 102 v.

Range 3, Real Estate and Personal Property, 1867-1933. 67 v.

Range 4, Real Estate and Personal Property, 1867-1933. 67 v.

City of Lincoln, Real Estate and Personal Property, 1868-71. 4 v.

Aetna Township, Real Estate and Personal Property, 1934--. 3 v.

Atlanta Township, Real Estate and Personal Property, 1934--. 3 v.

Broadwell Township, Real Estate and Personal Property, 1934--. 3 v.

Chester Township, Real Estate and Personal Property, 1934--. 3 v.

Corwin Township, Real Estate and Personal Property, 1934--. 3 v.

East Lincoln Township, Real Estate, 1934--. 3 v. Personal Property, 1934--. 3 v.

Eminence Township, Real Estate and Personal Property, 1934--. 3 v.

Elkhart Township, Real Estate and Personal Property, 1934--. 3 v.

Hurlbut Township, Real Estate and Personal Property, 1934--. 3 v.

Laenna Township, Real Estate and Personal Property, 1934--. 3 v.

Lake Fork Township, Real Estate and Personal Property, 1934--. 3 v.

Mount Pulaski Township, Real Estate, 1934--. 3 v. Personal Property, 1934--. 3 v.

Oran Township, Real Estate and Personal Property, 1934--. 3 v.

Orvil Township, Real Estate and Personal Property, 1934--. 3 v.

Prairie Creek Township, Real Estate and Personal Property, 1934--. 3 v.

Sheridan Township, Real Estate and Personal Property, 1934--. 3 v.

West Lincoln Township, Real Estate, 1934--. 3 v. Personal Property, 1934--. 3 v.).

Lists of taxable real estate and personal property, showing name of owner, description of property, amount of tax, by whom paid, total due, and tax spread. Also contains record of telephone and telegraph taxes, 1857--. Arr. by sec., twp. and range. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 200 p. 14 x 17 x 3. 196 v., 1857-1909, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.; 95 v., 1910-28, vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.; 26 v., 1929-33, co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.; 60 v., 1934--., treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.



52. COUNTY CLERK'S ACCOUNT COUNTY COLLECTORS AND TREASURER, 1899-1926. 2 v. (1, 2). Discontinued.

Copies of county collectors' reports, showing date, name of property owner, money received on real and personal property, penalties and costs, description of property, and total amount taxes collected. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 238 p. 18 x 13 x 2. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

53. DELINQUENT LIST, 1856-81. 26 v. (1 not labeled, 1856-64; 18 not labeled, 1856-81; 7 not labeled, 1880-81). Missing: 1865. 1882-- in Tax Judgment, Sale, Redemption, and Forfeiture Record, entry 58.

Delinquent tax lists showing names of collector, township and owner, legal description, number of acres, tax spread, back and total taxes, by whom paid, and remarks. Arr. by sec., twp., and range. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 236 p. 18 x 12 x 2. 1 v., 1856-64, vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.; 18 v., 1856-81, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.; 7 v., 1880-81, treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

54. COLLECTOR'S DELINQUENT BOOK, 1916. 1 v. Discontinued.

Collector's delinquent book started and discontinued in the same year, showing names of township and person assessed, legal description of property, assessed value, tax spread, costs, penalties, interest due, and amount, date, and by whom paid. Arr. alph. by name of twp. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 780 p. 18 x 12 x 6. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

55. OMITTED CREDITS, 1899-1909. 1 v. Discontinued.

Lists of omitted credits on taxable personal property, showing name of property owner, date assessed, town, city or village in which property is located, cash value, and total assessed value of property, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 80 p. 17 x 14 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

#### Judgment, Sale, Redemption

56. (TAX SALE CERTIFICATES), 1857--. In (County Clerk's General File), entry 113.

Tax sale certificates of purchase, showing legal description of property, names of owner and purchaser, consideration, amount of delinquent taxes, interest and penalties.

57. AFFIDAVIT FOR TAX DEED RECORD, 1860--. 3 v. (1-3). 1929-30, no entries; last entry 1933.

Copies of affidavits made for securing tax deeds, showing names of purchaser, collector, and person taxed, legal description of property, percent bid, total amount of taxes, special assessments, interest and costs, acknowledgment before notary, and dates of purchase and filing; also contains copies of tax sale certificates. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of purchaser. 1860-1902, hdw.; 1903--, typed. 400 p. 18 x 12 x 3. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.





58. TAX JUDGMENT, SALE, REDEMPTION, AND FORFEITURE RECORD, 1880--.  
42 v.

Tax judgment, sale, redemption, and forfeiture records, showing dates, names of party assessed, petitioner, owner, redeemer, purchaser and to whom deeded, legal description of property, value equalized by state board, amounts of taxes, interest, and costs for which judgment asked and entered, amount due, number of acres or parts sold, receipt in full of redemption money, and date of filing. Also contains Delinquent List, 1882--, entry 53. Prior to 1880 Tax Judgment Record, entry 59, Tax Sale Record, Lands and Lots, entry 60, and Record of Forfeited Land, entry 61, kept separately. Subsequent to 1915, Redemption Book, entry 62, also kept separately; and subsequent to 1928, Forfeited Tax Record, entry 63, kept separately. Arr. by sec., twp., and range. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 p. 18 x 12 x 2. 31 v., 1880-1910, vlt. of supt. of hwy., 2nd fl.; 11 v., 1911--, co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

59. TAX JUDGMENT RECORD, 1868-79. 5 v. (3, 5-7, 1868-79; 1 not numbered, 1873-75). 1880-- in Tax Judgment, Sale, Redemption, and Forfeiture Record, entry 58.

Copies of tax judgments, showing term date, in whose name assessed, legal description, tax spread, total tax, costs, and amount due. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 250 p. 16 x 11 x 2. G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

60. TAX SALE RECORD, LANDS AND LOTS, 1856-79. 9 v. (1, 1-8).  
1880-- in Tax Judgment, Sale, Redemption, and Forfeiture Record, entry 58.

Record of tax sales, and redemption of lands and lots, showing legal description, to whom sold, value, tax, costs, date and amount of sale, by whom redeemed, date and amount of redemption. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 350 p. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Vlt. of supt. of hwy., 2nd fl.

61. RECORD OF FORFEITED LAND, 1872-79. 1 v. 1880-- in Tax Judgment, Sale, Redemption, and Forfeiture Record, entry 58.

Lists of lands forfeited for taxes, showing name of assessed, legal description of property, tax spread, total tax, date sold, and name of purchaser. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 198 p. 18 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

62. REDEMPTION BOOK, 1916--. 4 v. 1880-- also in Tax Judgment, Sale, Redemption, and Forfeiture Record, entry 58.

List of redemptions, showing page number, date of entry, by whom redeemed or purchased, date and amount of sale, legal description of property, amount of penalties, interest, subsequent taxes, advertising, clerk's fees, and total. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 100 p. 10 x 14 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

63. FORFEITED TAX RECORD, 1929--. 1 v. 1880-- also in Tax Judgment, Sale, Redemption, and Forfeiture Record, entry 58.

Register of forfeited taxes, showing names of township and property owner, legal description of acres or lots, valuation, number of years forfeited, total amounts of taxes, interest, and costs due, by whom paid, and date. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 400 p. 20 x 12 x 2. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.





64. REDEMPTION BOOK (Stubs), 1899-1903. 2 v. Discontinued.  
Stubs of redemption receipts, showing redemption book and page numbers, date, by whom redeemed, purchased, and at what sale, legal description, amounts of sale, penalty, subsequent taxes, interest, advertising fee, total on redemption, clerk's fees, and to whom paid. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 100 p. 9 x 4 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

### Vital Statistics

Births (See also  
entries 7, 107, 357)

65. RECORD OF BIRTHS, 1878--. 12 v. (1-12).  
Birth record showing child's place of birth, full name, sex, legitimacy, parents' names, ages, race or color, nativity, number of children in family, treatment given child's eyes at birth, and certificate of attending physician. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of child. Hdw. on pr. fm. 500 p. 18 x 12 x 4. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

66. BIRTH RECORDS (Certificates), 1916--. 9 v. 1878-1915 in  
(County Clerk's General File), entry 113.  
Bound copies of birth certificates, showing child's name, place and date of birth, sex, parents' names, address, color or race, and occupation, number of children of this mother, treatment given to child's eyes at birth, certificate of attending physician or midwife, and date certificate signed and filed. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of child. Typed and hdw. on pr. fm. 500 p. 6 x 9 x 3. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

Deaths (See also ,  
entries 7, 107, 357)

67. REGISTER OF DEATHS (Record), 1878--. 11 v. (1-11).  
Death record showing decedent's name, address, age, place of death, sex, color, marital status, date of birth, occupation, name and birthplace of parents, medical certificate of cause and nature of death, place and date of burial, name and address of undertaker, date of filing and signature of clerk. Volumes 7-11 also contain register of stillbirths. Arr. chron. Hdw. on pr. fm. 600 p. 18 x 12 x 4. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

68. DEATH RECORD (Certificates), 1916--. 9 v. 1878-1915 in (County  
Clerk's General File), entry 113.  
Bound copies of death certificates, showing decedent's name, address, age, place of death, occupation, name and birthplace of parents, place of burial, name of undertaker, coroner's certificate of death, and date of filing. Also contains Stillbirth Record, entry 70. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Typed and hdw. on pr. fm. 500 p. 6 x 9 x 3. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

69. REGISTER OF DEATH CERTIFICATES, 1902. 1 v. Discontinued.  
Register of death certificates, showing date and cause of death, dates and numbers of certificate and interment permit, date of cancellation of certificate, names of deceased, attending physician, and person to whom issued, and cause of death. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 171 p. 16 x 9 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.



70. STILLBIRTH RECORD, 1878-1915. 1 v. (1). 1916-- in Death Record, entry 68.

Stillbirth record showing dates of birth, issue and return of death certificate, names of parents, medical attendant, undertaker and person making return, places of birth and burial, residence of mother, period of uterogestation, sex, color, cause of stillbirth, and nativity of parents. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 157 p. 18 x 12 x 1. G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

71. CERTIFICATE OF BURIAL, U.S. WAR VETERANS, 1932--. 1 f.b.

Original certificates of burial of United States war veterans, issued by state of Illinois, for securing headstones furnished by the government. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 114. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 14. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

72. VETERANS' DEATH RECORD, 1936--. 1 v. (1).

Death record of war veterans, showing names of deceased, informant, undertaker, physician, and registrar, personal and statistical particulars of deceased, date and place of burial, medical certificate of death, registration number, and filing date. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of decedent. Typed on pr. fm. 30 p. 9 x 12 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

### Marriages

73. (MARRIAGE CERTIFICATES), 1857--. In (County Clerk's General File), entry 113.

Original certificates of marriage on state board of health form, as returned by person performing ceremony.

74. (MARRIAGE AFFIDAVITS), 1857--. In (County Clerk's General File), entry 113.

Affidavits of consent of parents to marriage of minors.

75. MARRIAGE APPLICATION REGISTER, 1857--. 11 v. (1-8, 1-3), 1 f.b.

Register of marriage applications showing date and number of license, names of male and female, by whom certified, date married, and return of certificate. For five months in 1935 these applications were kept in unbound form. Indexed alph. by name of applicant. Hdw. on pr. fm. V. 300 p. 18 x 12 x 2; f.b. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 14. V. 1-8, 1, 2, 1 f.b., 1857-1936, co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.; v. 3, 1937--, co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

76. MARRIAGE REGISTER (Record), 1878--. 9 v. (1-9).

Record of marriages, showing date and number of license, names of male and female, by whom certified, dates married, and return of certificate. Arr. chron. Hdw. on pr. fm. 150 p. 18 x 12 x 1. V. 1-8, 1878-1936, co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.; v. 9, 1937--, co. clk.'s east off., 2nd fl.

77. INDEX TO MARRIAGE RECORD (Register), 1878--. 8 v. (1-5, male; 3-5, female).

Index to marriage register, showing names of male and female, and book and page of marriage record. Arr. alph. by names of male and female. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 300 p. 18 x 6 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.





## Licenses and Registers

Registers of Officers (See also  
entry 113)

78. REGISTER OF OFFICERS ELECTED, 1865--. 6 v. (1-6). Register of officers and supervisors, showing names of officers, township, office, and sureties, dates of bond, commencement and expiration of office, amount of bond, and remarks. Also contains List of Justices, 1884--, entry 79, and Justice of Peace Bond Record, 1865-1910, entry 100. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 400 p. 18 x 12 x  $1\frac{1}{2}$ . Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

79. LIST OF JUSTICES, 1857-83. 2 v. (1, 2). 1884-- in Register of Officers Elected, entry 78. List of justices of the peace, showing names of justices of peace, suit, book, page, and justice of peace docket numbers, names of plaintiff and defendant, and total of fees and commissions. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. Binding and paper very poor, writing faded. 97 p.  $12\frac{1}{2}$  x 8 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

Professional Licenses  
and Registers

80. PHYSICIANS' CERTIFICATE OF RECORD, 1886--. 3 v. (1-3). Register of physicians, osteopaths, and chiropractors, showing certificate number, name and age of physician, name of school from which graduated, year of graduation and date certificate issued, signatures of president, secretary of school, six practicing physicians, and clerk of examining board, and date of filing. Also contains Record of Dental Certificates, 1917--, entry 82. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of physician. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 275 p. 18 x 12 x 1. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

81. STATE BOARD OF HEALTH (Physicians' Licenses), 1877-1918. 1 v. Discontinued. Copies of physicians' certificates, showing name of medical graduate, date, and college from which degree received, date of granting of permit to practice medicine in Illinois, signatures of president and secretary of state board of health, and date of filing. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of graduate. Hdw. on pr. fm. 245 p. 18 x 12 x 3. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

82. RECORD OF DENTAL CERTIFICATES, 1894-1916. 1 v. 1917-- in Physicians' Certificate of Record, entry 80. Register of dental certificates, showing certificate number, name and age of dentist, school from which graduated, date certificate issued, signatures of president and secretary, and date of filing. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of dentist. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 250 p. 18 x 12 x 1. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.



83. RECORD OF OPTOMETRISTS, 1916--. 1 v. (1). Last entry 1917. Copies of optometrists' certificates, showing certificate number, name of optometrist, date registered, and date certificate expires, signatures of president, secretary of board, and county clerk, and date of filing. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of optometrist. Hdw. on pr. fm. 229 p. 18 x 12 x 1. G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

84. RECORD OF ARCHITECTS' LICENSES, 1897-1909. 1 v. Discontinued. Copies of architects' licenses, showing names of architect, city, county, board of examiners, amount of license, and date attested. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of architect. Hdw. on pr. fm. 133 p. 14 x 9 x p. G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

#### Patents

85. PATENT RECORD, 1869. Discontinued. Patents registered in United States Patent Office, Washington, D.C. Record of patents issued on inventions, showing name and address of inventor, type of invention, amount paid for patent, certification for inventor to solely manufacture and sell item described in application, date of patent, and names of secretary of interior, commissioner of patents, and county clerk. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of inventor. Hdw. on pr. fm. 280 p. 18 x 12 x 2. G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

Militia Roll (See also  
entries 147, 148)

86. MILITIA ROLL RECORD, 1861-62. 1 v. Militia roll showing names of persons in Logan County subject to military duty, classification, and reserve or active service. Arr. alph. by name of subject. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. Condition poor. 225 p. 16 x 11 x 1 1/2. G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

Stallion Certificates (See  
also entries 150, 151)

87. HORSE CERTIFICATE RECORD, 1892-1915. 1 v. Discontinued as a county record; subsequent similar records kept by State Department of Agriculture. Copies of stallion certificates showing name of secretary of state, name and address of owner of stallion, certificate number, pedigree, condition of service, date of certificate, and expiration date. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of owner. Hdw. on pr. fm. 315 p. 18 x 12 x 2. G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

#### Estrays, Marks, and Brands

88. ESTRAY RECORD, 1857-1914. 2 v. Missing: 1871-1906. Discontinued. Estray record showing newspaper clippings of estray notices, date and by whom taken up, kind of animal or property, appraised value, date published, clerk's certification as a true copy, and names of justice of peace and clerk. Newspaper clippings pasted in book. Arr. chron. No index. 100 p. 8 x 14 x 1. 1 v., 1857-70, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.; 1 v., 1907-14, co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.





County Clerk -  
Elections

(89-96)

89. RECEIPT BOOK (Estrays), 1859-1907. 1 v. Discontinued.  
Estray receipt book showing date, name of county clerk, payment for publication of notice, and from whom received, clippings of newspaper advertisements of estrays, and date of publishing. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. Binding and paper poor, writing faded. 471 p.  $13\frac{1}{2}$  x 8 x  $1\frac{1}{2}$ . G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

90. MARKS AND BRANDS OF STOCK, 1858-99. 1 v. Discontinued.  
Register of marks and brands of stock, showing date, names of owner, township, and clerk, kind of stock, and drawing of mark or brand used. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. Writing faded. 311 p. 14 x  $8\frac{1}{2}$  x 1. G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

Liquor Licenses (See also entry 113)

91. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSE TO SELL MALT BEVERAGES, 1937--. 1 f.b.  
Original applications for license to sell alcoholic liquor at retail, showing date, name and address of applicant, class of license, location of premises, amount of fee, and signature of clerk. Arr. chron. No index.  $10\frac{1}{2}$  x  $4\frac{1}{2}$  x 14. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

Hunting Licenses

92. APPLICATIONS FOR LICENSE TO HUNT, 1903-4. 2 f.b. Discontinued as a county record; current records kept by city clerk.  
Application for license to hunt in Illinois, showing kind of application, resident or non-resident, name, address, oath, age, occupation and physical description of applicant, and date. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 114.  $4\frac{1}{2}$  x  $4\frac{1}{2}$  x 10. G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

93. RESIDENT HUNTING LICENSES, 1904. 1 f.b.  
Resident hunting license stubs, showing license number, date, name of licensee, and amount of fee paid. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 114.  $4\frac{1}{2}$  x  $4\frac{1}{2}$  x 10. G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

Elections  
(See also entry 144)

94. (POLL BOOKS), 1857--. In (County Clerk's General File), entry 113.  
Lists of qualified voters for each voting precinct in county.

95. (ABSTRACTS OF VOTES), 1857--. In (County Clerk's General File), entry 113.  
Abstracts of votes cast in each voting precinct in county, presidential, and special elections.

96. NOVEMBER ELECTION, 1936. 1 f.b.  
Original official ballots, special writ of governor to hold special election of circuit judge to fill vacancy, and names and addresses of all officers to be elected. Arr. by precincts. No index.  $10\frac{1}{2}$  x  $4\frac{1}{2}$  x 14. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.



97. PRIMARY ELECTION, 1936. 1 f.b.  
Original official ballots, abstract of votes cast for county officers,  
petitions of the officers, and sample ballot of election. Arr. by precinct.  
No index.  $10\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2} \times 14$ . Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

98. PETITIONS OF CANDIDATES FOR PRECINCT COMMITTEEMEN, 1936. 1 f.b.  
Original statement of candidacy for committeeman, showing oath, date sworn,  
primary petition for precinct committeeman, name or number of township, and  
signature of petitioner. Arr. alph. by name of candidate. For index, see  
entry 114.  $10\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2} \times 14$ . Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

Bonds and Oaths of County Officers  
(See also entries 144, 149)

99. ASSESSORS' BOND RECORD, 1899--. 2 v. (1, 2).  
Copies of assessors' bonds showing names of assessors, bondsmen, and town-  
ship, amount and terms of bond, and dates of signature, seal, approval, and  
acknowledgment. Also contains Township Treasurers' Bonds, 1915--, entry  
102. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of assessor. Hdw. on pr. fm.  
289 p.  $18 \times 12 \times 1\frac{1}{2}$ . V. 1, 1899-1930, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.; v. 2, 1931--,  
co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

100. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE BOND RECORD, 1911--. 2 v. (1, 2). 1865-1910  
in Register of Officers Elected, entry 78. Title varies: Justices'  
and Constables' Record.  
Copies of justices' of the peace and constables' bonds, showing names of  
principal, sureties, and township, date, amount, conditions and obligations  
of bond, oath of office, and acknowledgment before notary. Arr. chron.  
Indexed alph. by name of principal. Hdw. on pr. fm. 285 p.  $18 \times 12 \times 2$ .  
V. 1, 1911-25, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.; v. 2, 1926--, co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

101. RECORD OF EX-OFFICIO TREASURER, ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND, 1914--.  
1 v. (1).  
Copies of bonds of township supervisors as ex-officio treasurers of town-  
ship road and bridge funds, showing names of supervisor, township, and sure-  
ties, amount of bond, and dates of issue and expiration. Arr. chron. Index-  
ed alph. by name of officer. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 p.  $18 \times 12 \times 2$ . Co. clk.'s  
vlt., 2nd fl.

102. TOWNSHIP TREASURERS' BONDS, 1890-1914. 1 v. 1915-- in Assessors'  
Bond Record, entry 99.  
Copies of township treasurers' bond, showing names of treasurer, township,  
and trustees, amount and date of bond, and acknowledgment before notary.  
Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of principal. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 p.  
 $18 \times 12 \times 2$ . G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

103. (OATHS OF OFFICERS), 1857--. In (County Clerk's General File),  
entry 113.  
Oaths of office of county officers, showing date, name of officer, office  
to which elected, and attestation.





## Fees, Receipts, and Expenditures

104. LEDGER (County Clerk), 1873---. 8 v. (1 not numbered, 1875-76; 1, 2 not numbered, 4, 3 not numbered, 1873---).

County clerk's ledger showing date, amounts of fees received, from whom received, to whom paid, and record book and page number. Also contains (Cash Book), 1906---, entry 105. Arr. alph. by name of account. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 1873-1906, binding and paper poor, writing faded. 246 - 414 p. 16 x 12 x  $1\frac{1}{2}$  - 13 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 3. V. 1, 3 not numbered, 4, 1873-1906, 1 not numbered, 1912-22, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.; 1 not numbered, 1907-11, common vlt., bsmt.; 1 not numbered, 1923---, co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

105. (CASH BOOK), 1854-1905. 18 v. (1 not lettered, A, B, B, 1854-75; 3 not lettered, 1872-78; A-D, D-I, 1 not lettered, 1875-1905). Missing: 1860-68, 1887-89. 1906--- in Ledger (County Clerk), entry 104.

County clerk's daily cash book showing date, cash on hand, received, paid out, from whom received, to whom paid, and balance on hand at end of day. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. Binding and paper very poor, writing illegible. 125 - 600 p. 13 x 8 x 1 - 18 x 12 x 3. 2 v., 1854-59, 1890-1905, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.; 16 v., 1872-86, common vlt., bsmt.

106. REGISTER OF FEES, 1887---. 4 v. (1-4).

Register of fees of county clerk, showing date, amount earned, from whom and for what received, and fees earned and received in probate and county courts. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 220 p. 17 x 15 x 1. V. 1-3, 1887-1925, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.; v. 4, 1926---, co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

107. ACCOUNT BOOK BIRTHS AND DEATHS, 1902---. 3 v. (1-3). 1857-1901 in Register of County Orders, ontry 7.

Account books for payment for reports on births and deaths, showing name and address of physician, dates certificates received, certified, and returned, number of births, stillbirths, and deaths, and amount paid. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of physician. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 289 p. 18 x 12 x  $1\frac{1}{2}$ . V. 1, 2, 1902-27, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.; v. 3, 1928---, co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

108. STATEMENTS OF PUBLIC MONEYS, 1920---. 1 f.b.

Original copy for newspaper advertisements of bank statements of public moneys, showing itemized financial accounting of credits, debits, assets, liabilities, cash on hand, deposits, and balance. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 114. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 14. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

## Maps and Plats

109. COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOLS, 1920-31. 1 f.b.

Plats with original changes of boundary lines of school districts, showing names, numbers, and legal descriptions of old and new districts, and reasons for changing. Arr. chron. No index. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.



County Clerk -  
General File

(110-113)

110. COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL OF LOGAN COUNTY, 1917. 1 map.  
Framed and shaded map showing location and district boundaries of community high school districts. Published by Lincoln Courier Herald. 20 x 24. Co. clk.'s west off., 2nd fl.

111. PLAT BOOK, 1910. 1 v.  
Plat book of townships, showing boundaries, base lines, meridians, legal descriptions, roads, railroads, churches, schools, landmarks, cities, towns, and villages in each township; also pictures of scenes and persons prominent in the history of the county. Chicago, Illinois: George A. Ogle and Company, publisher. Printed, black and white and colored maps. Arr. alph. by name of twp. No index. 2 in. to 1 mi. 75 p. 18 x 24 x 1. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

112. LOGAN COUNTY, no date. 1 map.  
Mounted map showing locations of township boundaries, cities, towns, villages, roads, cemeteries, schools, churches, and base lines and meridians. Peoria, Illinois: W. A. Howat, publisher. Colored.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in. to 1 mi. 36 x 48. Co. clk.'s west off., 2nd fl.

#### General File

113. (COUNTY CLERK'S GENERAL FILE), 1857--. 899 f.b. (1-899).  
Original and duplicate documents belonging to the county clerk and other county offices, filed in this series after having been entered in the proper book of record.

County Board of Supervisors: county contracts, fire prevention ordinances, insurance papers, reports of cemetery associations, liquor licenses, resignations of supervisors, sparrow bounty certificates, witness fee vouchers, mothers' pension accounts, and blind pension accounts. Also contains (Supervisors' Papers), entry 1; Cancelled Warrants, 1857-1933, entry 13; County Claims, 1857-1935, entry 22; County Home Claims, 1869-1934, entry 25; (Audits of Accounts), entry 32; (Reports of County Treasurer), entry 33; (Insane Hospital Reports), entry 34; List of Jurors, 1857-71, entry 37; (Civil Service Rules), 1905--, entry 38.

County Clerk: certificates of supervisors and police magistrates, lists of county officers, lists of world war voters. Also contains Abstract of Taxes, 1857-79, entry 41; (School Tax Records), entry 44; Revenue Papers and Tax Levies, 1857-1934, entry 46; (Tax Sale Certificates), entry 56; Birth Records (Certificates), 1878-1915, entry 66; Death Record (Certificates), 1878-1915, entry 68; (Marriage Certificates), entry 73; (Marriage Affidavits), entry 74; (Poll Books), entry 94; (Abstracts of Votes), entry 95; (Oaths of Officers), entry 103.

Recorder: deeds and chattel mortgages uncalled for, plats of lands and lots. Also contains (Deeds for Right of Way), entry 122; (Tax Deeds), entry 123; (Abstracts of Title), entry 145; (Certificates of Organization), entry 146.

County Court: transcripts of justices' dockets, and naturalization papers. Also contains County Court (Common Law Files), 1857-1935, entry 165; (Criminal Files) County Court, 1857-1935, entry 166; Insane and Feeble-minded (Papers), 1857-1935, entry 173; (Adoptions), entry 177; Dependent and Do-





linquent children, 1857-1935, entry 178; Paving Assessments, 1857-1924, entry 180; (Mothors' Pension Applications and Reports), 1916--, entry 199.

Probate Court: Appointment of public administrators and guardians, and probate orders and decrees. Also contains Probate Court in the Matter of Administrators' Estates (Administrators' Papers), 1857-1926, entry 208; Guardian (Papers), 1857-95, entry 209; Conservator and Guardian (Papers), 1857-1923, entry 210; Probate Court in the Matter of Conservators' Estates, (Conservators' Papers), 1857-1926, entry 211; (Unclaimed Property), entry 212; Clerk's (Probate Orders), 1857-1935, entry 213; (Wills), entry 218; (Widows' Selection Papers), entry 236; (Sale of Real Estate and Personal Property), entry 238.

Circuit Court: (Decrees of Foreclosures), entry 263; (Reports of Coroners' Inquests), entry 293.

Supervisor of Assessments: Railroad Schedules, 1857-73, entry 324.

County Collector: County Collectors' Receipts, 1857-1919, entry 340.

County Treasurer: Inheritance Tax Papers, 1857-1926, entry 376.

Drainage Commissioners: Special Drainage Papers, 1915--, entry 487.

Miners' Examining Board: (Miners' Examining Board Documents), 1908-16, entry 500.

Arr. chron. with no segregation of documents by type or office. For index to entire file, see entry 114; for additional index to county court files, see entry 167; to administrators' and executors', conservators' and guardians' papers, see entries 205-207. Older records faded. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 14. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

114. GENERAL INDEX, 1857--. 2 v. (7, 8).

General index to county clerk's files, showing date, kind of instrument, and file box. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff, defendant, or subject. Hdw. 1857-1905, writing faded, paper poor. 150 p. 18 x 10 x 1. V. 7, 1857-1905, co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.; v. 8, 1906--, co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

### III. RECORDER

The recorder was originally elected in Logan County by the county electorate.<sup>1</sup> Ten years after the organization of the county in 1839, the clerk of the circuit court became ex-officio recorder of deeds.<sup>2</sup> This provision is continued under the Constitution of 1870 for counties of less than 60,000 of population.<sup>3</sup> In Logan County, this status has persisted from 1849 to the present.

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1. Elected for four-year term. L.1835, p. 166. The term was later reduced to two years. L.1845, p. 28.
  2. Constitution of 1848, Art. V, sec. 19; L.1849, p. 63-66.
  3. Constitution of 1870, Art. X, sec. 8; R.S.1874, p. 833.



In 1855, with the authorization of special legislation, the county court (the county administrative body) engaged an appointee, with the necessary assistance, in the recordation of all deeds, mortgages, and other writings conveying or relating to lands which were located in Logan County and recorded in the recorder's office of Sangamon, De Witt, McLean, and Tazewell Counties.<sup>1</sup>

The circuit clerk in Logan is required to enter bond for \$10,000 for his duties as recorder.

In this county, the recorder is required to keep the following records:

1. An entry book in which data relating to date and order of receipt of instruments to be recorded or filed, and the names of parties and location of property with a brief description of the premises are entered. Each of such instruments is numbered by the recorder with the corresponding number of the entry. The entry book serves as a table of contents, with descriptive memoranda, for all instruments recorded at length or filed in the recorder's office.
2. Well-bound books for recording at length any instrument in writing entitled to be recorded, in the order of time of its reception. Separate books are allowed to be kept for the recording of different classes of instruments and two distinct series of document numbers may be used for recording documents. One series preceded by the letter "B" is for the recordation of bills of sales of personal property, chattel mortgages, releases, extensions, and assignments thereof. The other series of document numbers is for all other instruments received for recordation.
3. Grantor's and grantee's indexes. In the grantor's index are recorded the name of the grantor in alphabetical order and the name of the grantee. The grantee's index shows the name of the grantee in alphabetical order and the name of the grantor. Each index also shows the date of the instrument, time of receipt, kind of instrument, consideration, book and page in which it is recorded or the number under which it is filed and a brief description of the premises.

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1. L.1855, p. 723,724.





4. Indexes to each book of record in which are entered, in alphabetical order, the name of each grantor and grantee and book and page in which the instrument is recorded. This series indexes instruments such as recorded by corporations, powers of attorney, chattel mortgages, etc.
5. An index to recorded maps and plats, based on location of property. Sometimes arranged by section, township, range, etc.
6. An abstract book, in effect indexing records by showing for each tract every conveyance or incumbrance recorded, its execution and filing date, and the book and page of its recordation. Series optional with county board.
7. A separate book to record certificates of honorable discharge from the army, navy, and marine and aviation corps.<sup>1</sup>

The recorder, in recording at length any instrument in writing, is permitted to make a handwritten or typewritten transcription of the same, or he may make photographic or photostatic reproduction, or he may use a combination of these methods of recordation.<sup>2</sup> In addition to the instruments received for recordation, the recorder is required, upon receipt, to file any instrument upon which is indorsed the words, "This instrument to be filed, but not recorded." Such instruments include any mortgage, trust deed, or conveyance of personal property having the effect of a mortgage or lien upon such property. The recorder marks such instrument "filed" and enters the time of receipt and files the same in his office.<sup>3</sup>

#### Entry Books

115. ENTRY BOOK, 1839--. 19 v. (1, 2, 2-5, 1, 1-12). Missing: 1860-65, 1874-78. Title varies: Entries of Conveyances; File Book. Entry book of land conveyances, showing instrument number, date of filing, names of grantor and grantee, kind of instrument, legal description of property, consideration, to whom delivered, date of delivery, book and page number of record, and amount of fees. The second volume 2 of the first series is a transcript of the first volume 2, 1848-52. Arr. chron. For index, 1839-59, see entry 116; 1866-73, indexed by town and range no.; 1879--, no index. 1839-47, hdw.; 1848--, hdw. under pri. hdgs. 550 p. 16 x 11 x 2 - 18 x 12 x 2. V. 1, 2, 2-5, 1839-59, 1-12, 1879--, cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.; v. 1, 1866-73, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

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1. L.1819, p. 18,20,21; R.L.1829, p. 116,117; L.1847, p. 69; L.1853, p. 254; L.1867, p. 148; L.1869, p. 2; L.1871-72, p. 645,646; L.1873, p. 144; R.S.1874, p. 834-37; L.1917, p. 652; L.1925, p. 521; L.1933-34, Third Sp. Sess., p. 214.
  2. L.1933-34, Third Sp. Sess., p. 214.
  3. L.1927, p. 521; L.1929, p. 592-94; L.1933-34, Third Sp. Sess., p. 860.



116. INDEX TO FILE BOOKS (Land Conveyances), 1839-59. 1 v.  
Index to file books, showing names of grantor and grantee, and book and page of entry. Arr. alph. by name of grantor. Hdw. 168 p. 18 x 12 x 1. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

117. LAND BOOK, 1829-67. 1 v. Discontinued.  
Land entry book showing date of purchase and name of purchaser, legal description of property, and consideration. Record pre-dates origin of Logan County by ten years. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. Writing faded, paper poor. 200 p. 18 x 12 x 1. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

### Instruments Recorded

#### General

118. GENERAL INDEX (Grantor - Grantee), 1838--. 66 v. (1-3, 1-7, 23 not numbered, grantor; 1-3, 1-7, 23 not numbered, grantee). Title varies: General Index to Mortgages and Deeds, Grantor - Grantee; Index to Deeds and Real Estate Mortgages, Grantor - Grantee.

General index to recorded deeds and mortgages, and miscellaneous instruments, showing names of grantor, grantee, and mortgagor and mortgagee, date and number of instrument, legal description, record book and page number, and date of filing. Index antedates Deed Record by one year due to the inclusion of indexing entries during that one year period for instruments recorded in Record of Transcripts, entry 121. Arr. alph. by names of grantor and grantee or mortgagor and mortgagee. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 324 - 600 p. 18 x 14 x 3 - 18 x 12 x 2. 58 v., 1838-1923, cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.; 8 v., 1924--., cir. clk.'s west off., 2nd fl.

119. DEED RECORD, 1839--. 131 v. (C, D, H, I, K-Z, 1-126, not consecutive). Missing: 1839-44, 1849-53, destroyed in conflagration of 1857.

Recordation of all deeds not segregated by types, including warranty, receivers', executors', sheriffs', trustees', masters', and dedication deeds, showing names of grantor and grantee, consideration, legal description, terms, and date. Also contains Tax Deeds, 1839-85, entry 124; Quit Claim Deeds, 1839-75, entry 125; Cemetery Deeds, 1839-82, entry 126; Mortgage Records, 1839-53, entry 128; Chattel Mortgage Records, 1839-56, entry 132. Arr. chron. For index, 1839--., see entry 118; 1860-62, 1880--., also indexed alph. by name of grantee. 1839-60, hdw.; 1861-1930, hdw. on pr. fm.; 1931--., hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 580 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

For transcripts of deed records prior to formation of Logan County, see entry 121.

120. UNCALLED FOR RECORDED INSTRUMENTS, 1851--. 4 f.b.  
Instruments recorded and not called for, including warranty, quitclaim, and release deeds, real estate and chattel mortgages, and releases. Arr. chron. No index. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 5 x 14. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

For other uncalled for deeds and chattel mortgages, see entry 113.





121. RECORD OF TRANSCRIPT, 1826-46. 3 v. (1, 2, 1). Discontinued.

Title varies: Copy of Record of Transcript.

Transcript of records from Sangamon County pertaining to Logan County lands, showing names and addresses of grantor and grantee, kind and date of instrument, consideration, legal description, terms of deed, and acknowledgment before notary. The second volume labeled "one" is a copy of the first volume of the series 1, 2. Arr. chron. 1826-37, no index; for index 1838-46, see entry 118. Hdw. Writing faded. 646 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

For deed records subsequent to formation of Logan County, see entry 119.

### Deeds

122. (DEEDS FOR RIGHT OF WAY), 1857---. In (County Clerk's General File), entry 113.

Deeds executed to county by property owners for property to be used as right of way for roads and highways.

123. (TAX DEEDS), 1857---. In (County Clerk's General File), entry 113. Original tax deeds for lands sold for nonpayment of taxes.

124. TAX DEEDS, 1886---. 1 v. (57). 1839-85 in Deed Record, entry 119. Copies of tax deeds, showing names of grantor and grantee, dates of sale and instrument, legal description, consideration, address of grantee, and signature of county clerk. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of grantee; for sep. index, see entry 118. Hdw. on pr. fm. 580 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

125. QUITCLAIM DEEDS, 1876---. 12 v. (55, 63, 69, 74, 80, 88, 94, 100, 102, 106, 116, 122). 1839-75 in Deed Record, entry 119. Copies of quitclaim deeds, showing names of grantor and grantee, consideration, legal description, terms, date and number of instrument, and notarial acknowledgment. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of grantor; for sep. index, see entry 118. 1876-1930, hdw. on pr. fm.; 1931---, typed on pr. fm. 580 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

126. CEMETERY DEEDS, 1883---. 2 v. (49, 110). 1839-82 in Deed Record, entry 119.

Copies of cemetery deeds, showing names of cemetery and grantee, consideration, legal description of property, and terms and notarial acknowledgment. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of grantee; for sep. index, see entry 118. Hdw. on pr. fm. 580 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

127. NONDESCRIPT (Miscellaneous Instruments), 1832-62. 1 v. Discontinued.

Copies of miscellaneous instruments which have a poor legal description because surveys were not carried out in full, such as warranty deeds, quitclaim deeds, administrator deeds, contracts for deeds, showing dates of instrument and filing, consideration, and names of grantor and grantee. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. Writing faded. 495 p. 12 x 8 x 1½. G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.



Mortgages - Real Estate

128. MORTGAGE RECORDS, 1854---. 93 v. (B-I, K-Z, 1-88, not consecutive). 1839-53 in Deed Record, entry 119.

Copies of real estate mortgages, showing instrument number, names and addresses of mortgagor and mortgagee, consideration, legal description, terms, dates of instrument and filing, and acknowledgment before notary. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of mortgagor; for sep. index, see entry 118. 1854-60, hdw.; 1861-1928, hdw. and hdw. on pr. fm.; 1929---, typed and typed on pr. fm. 580 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

129. ASSIGNMENT (of Mortgage) RECORD, 1867---. 3 v. (1-3).

Copies of assignments of mortgages, showing names of assignor, assignee, and witness, dates of mortgage and assignment, consideration, mortgage record book and page number, and acknowledgment before notary. Arr. alph. by names of assignor and assignee. No index. 1867-1906, hdw.; 1907---, typed. 580 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

130. RELEASE RECORD, 1881---. 19 v. (6, 13, 19, 25, 31, 35, 38, 44, 45, 54, 57, 59, 61, 64, 72, 73, 76, 81, 87).

Copies of release deeds, showing number of recorded instrument, names and addresses of grantor and grantee, consideration, legal description, date, and acknowledgment before notary. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of grantor. Hdw. on pr. fm. 580 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

131. INDEX TO MARGINAL RELEASES, 1905---. 2 v. (1, 2).

Marginal release index showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, record book and page number, dates of mortgage and release, consideration, and description of property. Arr. alph. by name of mortgagor. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 600 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

Mortgages - Chattel

132. CHATTEL MORTGAGE RECORD, 1857---. 72 v. (1-72). 1839-56 in Deed Record, entry 119.

Copies of chattel mortgages, showing names and addresses of mortgagor, mortgagee, recorder, and witnesses, consideration, description of property, terms and dates of mortgage, acknowledgment before notary, and date of filing. Arr. chron. 1857-77, indexed alph. by name of mortgagor; for index, 1878---, see entry 133. 1857-1905, hdw. and hdw. on pr. fm.; 1906---, typed and typed on pr. fm. 550 p. 18 x 12 x 2. V. 1-52, 54-57, 59, 60, 1857-1921, 1923-25, 1927, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.; v. 53, 58, 61-72, 1922, 1926, 1928---, cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

133. INDEX TO CHATTEL MORTGAGES, 1878---. 5 v. (1, 8-11).

Index to chattel mortgages, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, number and date of instrument, consideration, date of filing, and record book and page number. Arr. alph. by name of mortgagor. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 500 p. 18 x 14 x 2. V. 1, 8, 9, 1878-1922, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.; v. 10, 11, 1922---, cir. clk.'s west off., 2nd fl.





## 134. CHATTEL MORTGAGE EXTENSION RECORD, 1887—. 2 v. (1, 2).

Copies of chattel mortgage extensions, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, dates of mortgage and extension, record book and page number, consideration, and acknowledgment before notary. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of mortgagor. Hdw. on pr. fm. 580 p. 18 x 12 x 2. V. 1, 1887-1915, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.; v. 2, 1916—, cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

Certificates of Levy (See also entries 312, 313)

## 135. MASTER'S AND SHERIFF'S CERTIFICATE OF LEVY, SALE AND REDEMPTION, 1857—. 9 v. (1, 2, 2-8).

Copies of master's and sheriff's certificate of levy, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, sheriff or master, legal description, dates signed by sheriff or master, and dates of filing and recordation. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. 1857-60, hdw.; 1861-1930, hdw. on pr. fm.; 1931—, typed on pr. fm. 355 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

## 136. CERTIFICATES OF SALES AND LEVY (Sheriff's), 1858—. 2 f.b.

Certificates of levy and sale, showing names of complainant, defendant, purchaser, and sheriff, legal description, amount and date of sale, and signature of sheriff. Arr. chron. No index. 10 x 5 x 14. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

## 137. CERTIFICATES OF MASTER'S SALES, 1895—. 1 f.b.

Certificates of master's sales, showing chancery number, names of purchaser, plaintiff and defendant, legal description of property sold, date and amount of sale, and master's signature. Arr. chron. No index. 10 x 5 x 14. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

## 138. CERTIFICATE OF LEVY, SALE AND REDEMPTION ON FOREIGN AND COUNTY COURT EXECUTIONS, 1885—. 1 f.b.

Certificates of master's levy, sale and purchase, and sheriff's certificates of sale and redemption, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, purchaser, and sheriff or master, case number, date of certificate, and signatures of master and sheriff. Also contains Record of Master in Chancery, 1912—, entry 273. Arr. chron. No index. 10 x 5 x 14. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

Liens

## 139. MECHANIC'S LIEN, 1894—. 4 f.b.

Mechanics' liens showing names of claimant and defendant, description of property charged with lien, amount of lien, signature of claimant, and date of notarization. Arr. chron. No index.  $10\frac{1}{2}$  x  $4\frac{1}{2}$  x 14. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

## 140. LIENS ON CHATTELS, 1921—. 1 f.b.

Liens on chattels, showing names of claimant and defendant, description of property, date and amount of lien, and signature and address of claimant. Arr. chron.  $10\frac{1}{2}$  x  $4\frac{1}{2}$  x 14. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.



141. INDEX AND RECORD OF LIENS ON CHATTELS, 1921---. 1 v. (1).  
Liens on chattels, showing names of claimant and defendant, description of chattel property, for what claimed, amount of claim, signature of claimant, notarial acknowledgment, and dates of filing and release. Also serves as index to files of Liens on Chattels, entry 140. Arr. alph. by name of claimant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 580 p. 18 x 12 x 3. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

142. FEDERAL TAX LIEN INDEX (and Record), 1925---. 1 v.  
Tax lien record and index to federal records, showing taxpayer's name, residence or place of business, collector's serial number, date, and hour of filing notice, amount of tax assessed, additional penalty, date of filing of certificate of discharge of tax lien, and remarks. Arr. alph. by name of taxpayer. Hdw. on pr. fm. 80 p. 14 x 9 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

143. LIENS ON GETS, 1894. 1 v. Discontinued.  
Copies of liens on gets, showing names of claimant and owner of gets, statement of service, addresses of owners, description and name of mare, age, amount of lien, and dates of last service and acknowledgment. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of owner. Hdw. on pr. fm. 600 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

#### Other Instruments

144. MISCELLANEOUS RECORD, 1857---. 21 v. (1-21).  
Recordation of miscellaneous papers, such as affidavits, agreements, contracts, decrees of foreclosure, reports of sale and distribution, papers in equity, certificates of publication, assignments of judgments, certificates of election of trustees, bonds for deeds, leases, powers of attorney, copies of wills, letters testamentary, certificates of mailing notices to non-residents, extinguishment of leases, certificates of transfer of stocks, renunciations of wills, certificates of organization, articles of incorporation, and certificates of change of registered agencies. Also contains Collectors' Bond Record, 1919---, entry 149. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 118. 1857-1905, hdw.; 1906---, typed. 600 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

For special items from this record pertaining to Abraham Lincoln, see Appendix, entries A-C.

145. (ABSTRACTS OF TITLE), 1857---. In (County Clerk's General File), entry 113.  
Abstracts of instruments, showing chain of title to specific parcels of land.

146. (CERTIFICATE OF ORGANIZATION), 1857---. In (County Clerk's General File), entry 113.  
Certificates of organization of churches, lodges, and similar bodies, filed for record.





147. DISCHARGED SOLDIERS (Civil and Spanish American War Veterans), 1865--. 1 v. (A).

Recordation of honorable discharges, showing name of soldier or sailor, rank, number and name of company, regiment, years served, reason for discharge, place of birth, age, personal description, occupation before enlistment, date of discharge, signature of commander of regiment, number of battles engaged in, and date of filing. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of discharged soldier or sailor. Hdw. on pr. fm. 418 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

148. SOLDIERS AND SAILORS DISCHARGE RECORD (World War Veterans Only), 1919--. 2 v. (2, 3).

Recordation of honorable discharges of soldiers and sailors serving in World War, showing name of soldier or sailor, rank, branch of army or navy, reason for discharge, place of birth, age and occupation at date of enlistment, personal description, date and place of discharge, name of commanding officer and rank, enlistment record, and date of filing. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of soldier or sailor. Hdw. on pr. fm. 600 p. 18 x 12 x 2½. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

149. COLLECTORS' BOND RECORD, 1873-1918. 5 v. (A-E). 1919-- in Miscellaneous Record, entry 144.

Copies of town collectors' bonds, showing names of principal, township, amount and obligation of bond, date, signatures of principal and bondsmen, approval by supervisor and town clerk, and notary's acknowledgment. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 230 p. 14 x 9 x 1. G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

150. ILLINOIS STALLION REGISTRATION BOARD, 1910-18. 1 v. Discontinued.

Copies of stallion certificates issued by Illinois Stallion Registration Board, showing names and addresses of owner and veterinarian, certificate number, name and description of stallion, date foaled, license, and filing date. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of owner. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 p. 18 x 12 x 1½. G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

151. ILLINOIS STALLION REGISTRATION, RENEWALS, 1911-18. 1 v. Discontinued.

Register of renewals of stallion certificates issued by Illinois Stallion Registration Board, showing names and addresses of owner and veterinarian, certificate number, name and description of stallion, date foaled, dates of license expiration, and filing. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of owner. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 p. 18 x 12 x 1½. G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

152. FARM NAME RECORD, 1915-25. 1 v. Discontinued.

Register of farm names, showing instrument number, name and address of owner, legal description, name of farm, and dates named, filed, and acknowledgment before notary. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of owner. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 500 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.



Maps and Plats

153. PLAT BOOKS, 1871--. 8 v. (1-8).

Copies of Logan County plats recorded, showing legal description, and dates of filing and recording. Arr. chron. Authors, E. J. Tobin, Wm. Hamilton, H. C. Miller. Lincoln, Illinois: H. C. Miller, publisher. Blueprint. 1 in. to 40 chains. No index. 50 p. 19 x 24 x 2. Cir. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

154. INDEX TO PLATS, 1871--. 3 v.

Plat index showing section, town, range, for whom platted, and record book and page number. Arr. by sec., town, and range. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 80 p. 16 x 12 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Cir. clk.'s east off., 2nd fl.

155. PLAT BOOK, CITY OF LINCOLN, 1871--. 1 v.

Copies of plats of Lincoln, showing legal description of property, date of filing and recording. Arr. by sec., twp., and range. Author, Thomas Gardner. Published in Lincoln, Illinois. Blueprint. 1 in. to 160 ft. No index. 100 p. 15 x 24 x 3. Cir. clk.'s east off., 2nd fl.

156. MAP OF CITY OF LINCOLN, 1922. 1 map.

Map of Lincoln, showing names of all streets and subdivisions of city, location of churches, schools, colleges, state school, railroads, and historical markers. Author, Lynn R. Parker. Blueprint. 1 in. to 300 ft.. 36 x 42. Cir. clk.'s east off., 2nd fl.

157. BREWERTON COAL COMPANY MINE NO. 92, August 1923-January, 1928.  
1 map.

Plan of entire area of mine operations, showing detailed drawings of sections to be worked, worked out, and abandoned. This mine has been closed since 1928. Author, R. R. Lacy. Lincoln, Illinois: R. R. Lacy, publisher. Blueprint. 1 in. to 200 ft. 54 x 72. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

158. EAST MINE, 1902-24. 22 maps.

Plans of entire area of mine operations, showing detailed drawings of sections to be worked, worked out, and abandoned. The mine was closed in 1924. Author, A. C. Brancher. Published in Lincoln, Illinois. Blueprint. 1 in. to 200 ft. 36 x 24 - 78 x 52. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

159. LATHAM MINING COMPANY MINE, 1904-18. 18 maps.

Maps showing entire area of mine operations, with detailed drawings of sections to be worked and worked out, area abandoned, main haulage ways, air courses, stoppings, overcasts, cave-ins, trap doors, partings, and dates rooms turned and entries started. Author, Wm. Bresnan. Lincoln, Illinois: Wm. Bresnan, publisher. Blueprints. 1 in. to 200 ft. 48 x 72 - 36 x 48. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 1st fl.

160. MINE MAP OF SOUTH MINE, 1905-14. 11 maps.

Maps of entire area of mine operations, detailed drawings of sections to be worked and worked out, area abandoned, main haulage ways, air courses, stoppings, overcasts, cave-ins, trap doors, partings, and dates rooms turned and entries started. Author, Walter Peterburgh, Lincoln, Illinois: Walter Peterburgh, publisher. Blueprints. 1 in. to 200 ft. 24 x 36 - 39 x 64. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.





161. MUTUAL COAL COMPANY MINE, MT. PULASKI, ILLINOIS, 1908-18. 3 maps. Maps of entire area of mine operations, detailed drawings of sections to be worked and worked out, area abandoned, main haulage ways, air courses, stoppings, overcasts, cave-ins, trap doors, partings, and dates rooms turned and entries started. Author, Jacob Orr. Mt. Pulaski, Illinois: Jacob Orr, publisher. Blueprint. 1 in. to 200 ft. 36 x 48, 48 x 72. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

162. MIDDLETOWN MINE, 1908-10. 1 map. Map of Middletown Mine, showing entire area of mine operations, detailed drawings of sections to be worked and worked out, area abandoned, main haulage ways, air courses, stoppings, overcasts, cave-ins, trap doors, partings, and dates rooms turned and entries started. Author, Charles H. Dunn. Peoria, Illinois: Charles H. Dunn, publisher. Blueprint. 1 in. to 200 ft. 36 x 52. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

163. CHICAGO AND ALTON RAILROAD, May 18, 1911. 1 map. Map of side tracks and right of way of Chicago and Alton Railroad in Lincoln, Illinois. Author, assistant engineer. Published in Springfield, Illinois. Blueprint. 1 in. to 20 ft. 27 x 72. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

164. LOGAN COUNTY, ILLINOIS, no date. 1 map. Map of Logan County, showing townships, ranges, cities, villages, waterways, roads, railroads, rural schools, and churches; also names of owners of farms. Peoria, Illinois: W. A. Howat and Sons, publishers. Colored and printed.  $1\frac{1}{2}$  in. to 1 mi. 114 x 144. Cir. clk.'s east off., 2nd fl.

#### IV. COUNTY COURT

In Logan County, as in each county of the state, there is a county court administered by the county judge. The court hears and determines matters in which it has original or concurrent jurisdiction, including appeals from justices of the peace and police magistrates. The county judge is elected for a four-year term and before entering the duties of his office is required to take and subscribe to an oath which he files with the secretary of state.<sup>1</sup>

The judicial powers in Logan County were originally vested in the courts of justices of the peace, court of the probate justice, and the circuit court. The county court, a civil and criminal court with jurisdiction coextensive with the county lines, was established under the

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1. R.S.1874, p. 339; L.1881, p. 70.



Constitution of 1848 and the legislation of 1849, and has continued in existence until the present.<sup>1</sup> The court was to be held by the county judge and two justices of the peace who, in addition to the ordinary jurisdiction of justices of the peace, were empowered to sit with the county judge as members of the court for the transaction of county business. The county judge and these justices of the peace were to be elected by the county electorate for four-year terms and commissioned by the Governor.

Complete separation of county business powers from the judicial could have been effected with the acceptance by the county electorate of an independent administrative body under the township organization. This plan of government was not selected in 1849, and Logan was governed by the dual county court until 1867, when the county board of supervisors became successor to the county court in its jurisdiction over county affairs and business. From that date on the county court has served only as a judicial court in Logan County.

The county court as established in 1849 was vested with the same civil and criminal jurisdiction as the justices of the peace. The county judge was made the conservator of the peace for the county. He was given the same power and authority as the circuit court, in preserving order in the court and punishing contempts offered the court while in session.<sup>2</sup> Suits for sale of delinquent lands for taxes of 1848, and prior years, could be brought and presented in either the circuit or county court, but for taxes of subsequent years, the county court was given exclusive original jurisdiction.<sup>3</sup>

In addition to its civil and criminal jurisdiction the court was vested with all the powers and jurisdiction in probate matters which were vested prior to this date in the court of the probate justice. In its probate function, the court was given concurrent jurisdiction with the circuit court.<sup>4</sup> In Logan County the county judge has served to the present day in his ex-officio capacity as judge of the probate court.

The law jurisdiction of the county court from 1874 to the present has been concurrent with that of the circuit court in that class of cases: first, wherein the justices of the peace have jurisdiction where the value of the amount in controversy does not exceed one thousand dollars;<sup>5</sup> second,

1. Constitution of 1848, Art. V, sec. 16-19; L.1849, p. 62.

2. L.1849, p. 65; L.1859, p. 99; R.S.1874, p. 339; L.1933, p. 451.

3. L.1849, p. 127.

4. L.1849, p. 65; L.1859, p. 99.

5. Under the laws of 1872, the jurisdiction was in cases not exceeding \$500. The revised laws of 1874, and subsequent legislation extended the jurisdiction to cases wherein the amount involved was not over \$1000. L.1933, p. 449, 452. An amendment to the act of 1874 was passed on May 8, 1933, which extended the jurisdiction to \$2000 and the amendment of the same session passed June 21, 1933, placed the jurisdiction in cases where the amount involved is not over \$1000.





in all cases of appeals from justices of the peace and police registrars; third, in all criminal offenses and misdemeanors where the punishment is not imprisonment in the penitentiary or death.<sup>1</sup> Also the county court has original jurisdiction in matters relating to indigent mothers,<sup>2</sup> and jurisdiction over insane persons not charged with crime.

Where a mother applies for relief, the county court may appoint a probation officer (or officers) who serves during the pleasure of the court and is compensated for his services by the county board. This officer investigates all applications for relief, makes written reports to the court, and makes quarterly visits and supervises, under the direction of the court, the families to which such assistance has been granted.<sup>3</sup> The authority for appointment of conservators for the estate of insane persons is vested in the probate court.<sup>4</sup>

In Logan County, the county and circuit courts have original jurisdiction over matters dealing with dependent, neglected, and delinquent children. The authority includes provision for the treatment, control, maintenance, adoption, and guardianship of such children.<sup>5</sup> In pursuance of this juvenile court jurisdiction the court has been granted authority to appoint one or more probation officers. Such officer takes charge of the child under consideration before and after trial, conducts investigations, furnishes information, and assists the court. Dependent or neglected children who remain at home are subject to visitation by the probation officer, and delinquent children not committed to institutions are placed under the custody of that officer.

One other officer serving the county court is the probation officer for adult probationers. This officer, who may be appointed by the circuit court, principally serves the county and circuit courts in the exercise of their jurisdiction over criminal offenders. Provision was first made for such officer in 1911.<sup>6</sup> When appointed, he investigates for and reports to the court in regard to prospective probationers, has charge of persons on probation, and keeps records, which records are in the custody of the county or circuit court clerk as the case may be.<sup>7</sup> Such records include orders in regard to probation, probationers' bonds, reports of probation officers, and discharge of probationers.

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1. R.S.1874, p. 339; L.1877, p. 77; L.1933, p. 448.

2. L.1913, p. 127; L.1915, p. 243; L.1921, p. 164; L.1934, p. 256.

3. L.1933, p. 194; L.1935, p. 256.

4. L.1893, p. 140.

5. L.1899, p. 131; L.1907, p. 70.

6. L.1911, p. 280,281.

7. L.1911, p. 281,282; L.1915, p. 381,382.



The election procedure from beginning to end is conducted under the direction of officers of the county court. In each city, village, and incorporated town, there is a board of election commissioners composed of three appointees of the county court who serve alternately for three-year terms.<sup>1</sup> The election boards have authority and are charged with the organization of election districts and precincts, the appointment of judges and clerks of election, provision for election ballots, and the application of the rules and regulations for permanent registration and elections.<sup>2</sup> The county judge is a member of the county officers' electoral board, together with the county clerk and state's attorney. This board hears and determines objections to nominations for county and district offices of the county.<sup>3</sup> Finally, the county court has original jurisdiction in election contests of certain county, district, and township officers.<sup>4</sup>

Housing corporations may be organized in Illinois for the express purpose of improving housing conditions under an act of 1933.<sup>5</sup> Such corporations are subject to the supervision and control of the state housing board. This state agency has authority, after investigations and public hearings, to approve the acquisition of property and construction of housing projects. If the state housing board approves a project over the objections of ten percent of the property owners within a mile but not included in the project, it must then file an application with the clerk of the county court to the county judge for the confirmation of its approval. Such application is to contain copies of the finding and order of the board, transcript of the testimony, description of the project and public spaces, statement of location, and reasons of approval by board. The objectors to the project may file objections to the confirmation of such project. The county judge is then to examine the application, objections, and any additional evidence before rendering a decision of "approval" or "not approval" of the application.<sup>6</sup>

Appeals from the judgments and decisions of the county court may be taken to the circuit court.<sup>7</sup> To the appellate court or supreme court may be taken and prosecuted appeals and writs of error in proceedings for the sale of lands for taxes and special assessments, and in all common law and

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1. L.1885, p. 142; L.1899, p. 157; L.1917, p. 445; L.1929, p. 399; L.1933, p. 534; L.1935-36, Fourth Sp. Sess., p. 33.

2. Ibid.

3. L.1891, p. 110; L.1929, p. 394,395; L.1933, p. 552. (See also chapter XXVI, this volume.)

4. L.1895, p. 170.

5. L.1933, p. 396; L.1933-34, Third Sp. Sess., p. 167.

6. Ibid.

7. R.S.1874, p. 339; L.1933, p. 396.





attachment cases, and cases of forcible detainer and forcible entry and detainer. Such appeals and writs of error are, when not otherwise provided, taken and prosecuted in the same manner as appeals and writs of error from the circuit court.<sup>1</sup>

The records of the court are kept by the county clerk in his ex-officio capacity as clerk of the county court. In addition to these statutory records described below, the clerk necessarily maintains others in effecting the court's orders.

For the court, the clerk keeps the following records:

1. Books of record of the proceedings and judgments of the court, with alphabetical indexes by names of parties. Proceedings are recorded at length only in cases designated by law, or when the court, at the motion and assumption of expenses by one of the parties, so orders. In practice, the court record has been broken down from an early date into segregated types of proceedings and judgments.
2. "Plaintiff-Defendant Index to Court Records" and "Defendant-Plaintiff Index to Court Records." Intended to be separate records, but frequently combined in a single volume with the two indexes segregated in each volume.
3. A general docket, in which all suits are entered in the order they are commenced.
4. A judgment and execution docket, containing a column for the entry of satisfaction or other disposition. In practice an execution docket is frequently set up independently.
5. Additional dockets, designated as the clerk's, judge's, and bar docket. In practice, the bar docket has tended to drop out of use.<sup>3</sup>
6. A fee book, in which costs and fees are to be entered under the proper title of the cause. In practice, separate series of volumes are maintained under these titles of causes.
7. Transcripts of proceedings in appeals from justices' courts, dockets thereof, and transcripts of judgment for liens, etc., from justices' courts.

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1. R.S.1874, p. 339; L.1877, p. 77; L.1881, p. 66.

2. This category is obliquely recognized by law; though the form which such records take is generally determined by court order. L.1849, p. 66; R.S.1874, p. 263.

3. The Civil Practice Act of 1933 grants authority to county courts, subject to rules promulgated by the supreme court and not inconsistent with statutory requirements, to make such rules as they may deem expedient, regulating dockets and calendars of said court. L.1933, p. 785, sec. 2.



8. Naturalization records, including petitions, proceedings, final certificates, etc. The county courts in Illinois, prior to 1906, met the requirement of Federal Statutes to exercise naturalization jurisdiction.<sup>1</sup>
9. Original documents used in court hearings and determinations; of particular importance in the large number of cases where complete proceedings are not spread on court record.<sup>2</sup>
10. Monthly reports of the warden of the county jail containing a list of all prisoners in his custody, and showing the causes of commitment and persons by whom committed.<sup>3</sup>

Proceedings of Court

165. COUNTY COURT LAW (Common Law Files), 1936--. 1 f.b. 1857-1935 in (County Clerk's General File), entry 113.

Original documents in common law cases, including summonses, citations, answers, bills of complaint, transcripts of evidence, pleas and orders of the court, with dates of order, judgment, petition, amendment, appearance, and filing. Arr. chron. No index. 10½ x 4½ x 14. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

166. CRIMINAL (Files) COUNTY COURT, 1936--. 1 f.b. 1857-1935 in (County Clerk's General File), entry 113.

Original documents in criminal cases, including summonses, capiases, waivers of jury, transcripts of evidence, indictments, appeals, and court orders. Arr. chron. No index. 10½ x 4½ x 14. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

For other criminal papers, see entry 214.

167. PLAINTIFF-DEFENDANT INDEX COUNTY COURT RECORDS, 1872--. 4 v. (1, 1872-79, 1, 1872--, plaintiff; 1 not numbered, 1, 1872--, defendant).

Plaintiff-defendant index to county court records, and county court documents kept in (County Clerk's General File), entry 113, showing case number, record book and page or file box number, names of plaintiff and defendant, kind of action, terms commenced and disposed of, date and amount of judgment, book and page number of judgment and execution dockets, fee book, and certificate of levy, sale, or redemption record, and satisfaction. Volume 1, plaintiff, 1872-79, has been transcribed into volume 1, plaintiff, 1872--. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on pr. fm. 400 p. 18 x 12 x 3. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

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1. U.S.S.1802, p. 153; U.S.R.S.1874, p. 378.
  2. R.S.1345, p. 57,323,324,414,418,419; L.1885, p. 79,80; L.1871-72, p. 325; R.S.1874, p. 262,263,339; L.1877, p. 77; L.1933, p. 448, 451; U.S.S.1802, p. 153-55; U.S.R.S.1874, p. 378-80; U.S.S.1906, p. 598-607; U.S.S.1915, p. 736-38; U.S.S.1926, p. 709,710.
  3. R.S.1874, p. 616; L.1933, p. 677.





168. COUNTY COURT RECORD LAW, 1872--. 4 v. (1-4).

Record of common law cases, showing term dates, names of parties, case numbers, type of action, dates of hearings, abstracts of proceedings, and disposition of case. Also contains Default Record, 1887--, entry 172. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff; for sep. index, see entry 167. 1872-1919, hdw.; 1920--, typed. 300 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

169. COUNTY COURT RECORD CRIMINAL, 1872--. 4 v. (1-3, 3).

Record of county court criminal cases, showing case number, date, proceedings, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, and orders of the court. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of defendant; for sep. index, see entry 167. Hdw. 500 p. 18 x 12 x 3. V. 1, 1872-98, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.; v. 2, 3, 3, 1899--, co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

170. CONFESSION RECORD AND FEE BOOK, 1892--. 2 v. (A, B).

Confession record showing dates of action and court term, names of plaintiff and defendant, clerks, sheriffs, justices of peace, and plaintiff's and defendant's witnesses, and miscellaneous costs. Also contains Law and Criminal Fee Book, 1931--, entry 196, including Docket of Fines, entry 192; Fee Book Civil Cases, entry 197. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 500 p. 18 x 12 x 3. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

171. CONFESSION OF JUDGMENT, 1923. 1 v. Discontinued.

Confession of judgment, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, attorneys, and officers of the court, amount of judgment, and docket entries. Arr. chron. No index. Typed. 152 p. 14 x 9 x 1. Common vlt., bsmt.

172. DEFAULT RECORD, 1872-86. 1 v. 1887-- in County Court Record Law, entry 168.

Default record showing term date, names of plaintiff, defendant, judge, clerk, and sheriff, case number, amount of default, and court order. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. on pr. fm. 409 p. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ . G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

173. INSANE AND FEEBLE MINDED (Papers), 1936--. 1 f.b. 1857-1935 in (County Clerk's General File), entry 113.

Original warrants issued to sheriff, with dates of warrant order, hearing, petition, and report of commission, names of petitioner, person alleged insane, judge, attorney, physician, and commissioners, orders setting hearing, date of court orders and disposal, statement of condition of defendant and commission's report of findings. Arr. chron. No index. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 14. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

174. INSANITY RECORD, 1856--. 6 v. (A-F).

Insanity record showing term date, names of judge, clerk, sheriff, person alleged insane, person filing statement of insanity, and two physicians, and signature of judge. Arr. chron. Hdw. on pr. fm. 235 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.



175. INDEX TO INSANITY RECORDS, 1856--. 1 v.

Index to insanity records, showing names of persons alleged insane, and book and page of entry. Arr. alph. by name of patient. Hdw. 125 p. 16 x 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  x  $\frac{3}{4}$ . Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

176. FEEBLE MINDED RECORD, 1915--. 1 v. (1).

Record of feeble-minded cases, showing term date, names of person alleged feeble-minded, physicians, and institute accepting patient, court orders, and date of filing. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of patient. Hdw. on pr. fm. 500 p. 18 x 12 x 3. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

177. (ADOPTIONS), 1857--. In (County Clerk's General File),  
entry 113.

Papers in adoption cases, including petitions, reports of investigations, and decrees of court.

178. DEPENDENT AND DELINQUENT CHILDREN, 1936--. 1 f.b. 1857-  
1935 in (County Clerk's General File), entry 113.

Original summonses, decrees of dependency, court orders, petitions, and entries of appearance and consent, showing date, names of petitioner, child, parents, and judge, age of child, notarial acknowledgment, and date of filing. Arr. chron. No index. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 14. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

179. JUVENILE COURT RECORD, 1907--. 3 v. (1 not numbered, 1, 2).  
Title varies: Dependent, Delinquent and Neglected Children  
Record.

Record of juvenile cases in county court, showing term date, name, age, and sex of child, names of parents, and appointed guardians, court orders and reasons therefor, and dates of action and filing. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of child. Hdw. on pr. fm. 130 - 267 p., 18 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . 1 v. not numbered, 1907-14, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl; v. 1, 2, 1915--, co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

180. PAVING ASSESSMENTS, 1925--. 1 f.b. 1857-1924 in (County  
Clerk's General File), entry 113.

Original orders of the court, showing confirmation of applications and certificates of board of local improvements on completion of work, judgment of confirmation, assessment roll, probate orders, affidavits of posting and mailing of notices, petitions for sewers, certificates of publication, first vouchers, and date of completion of work. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 114. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 14. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

181. GENERAL ORDERS, 1935--. 1 f.b.

Orders signed by county judge, instructing clerk to draw names of people to serve on jury; also instructions to sheriff to adjourn court should no judge be present. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 114. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 14. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

182. NEW DISCONNECTION CASES, 1935--. 1 f.b.

Original petitions to disconnect territory from village, showing date, legal description of land, names of petitioners, cause for disconnecting, and court orders. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 114. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 14. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.





183. ORIGINAL TRANSCRIPT OF RECORD IN COUNTY COURT OBJECTION  
TO TAXES, 1913. 3 v.

Original transcript of record in county court, showing names of officers of county court, plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, examination of witnesses, and final disposition of case. Arr. chron. No index. Typed. 65 p. 14 x 9 x 1. Common vlt., bsmt.

Dockets

Court Dockets

184. JUDGE'S DOCKET CRIMINAL AND LAW, 1872--. 6 v. (1-6).

Judge's docket of common law and criminal cases, showing dates of term and action, case number, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant, abstract of proceedings, order previous term, recognizance and bail bonds, and order of the court. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 250 p. 18 x 12 x 2. V. 1-4, 1872-1917, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.; v. 5, 6, 1918--, co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

185. COURT DOCKET, 1872-1903. 2 v. (1 not numbered, 2). Discontinued.

Docket of common law, criminal, and chancery cases, showing dates, number and nature of case, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant, order previous term, and orders of the court. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 235 p. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ . G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

186. CLERK'S DOCKET COUNTY COURT, 1872-75. 1 v. Discontinued.

Clerk's docket of common law and criminal cases, showing dates, number and nature of cases, term date, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, action, order previous term, and orders of the court. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. Writing faded. 150 p. 12 x 8 x 1. G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

187. GENERAL DOCKET, 1906--. 1 v. (1).

General docket of county court and probate cases, showing date entered, case and term numbers, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorney, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 350 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Co. judge's off., 2nd fl.

188. INSANITY DOCKET, 1893--. 3 v. (1, D, E).

Insanity docket showing dates of term, order for notice of hearing, writ, return, veridict, and filing, names of person alleged insane, petitioner, witnesses, physician, person making affidavit, attorney, and jurors, place of hearing, nature of notice served on defendant, sex of patient, and proceedings and orders of the court. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of patient. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 277 p. 18 x 12 x 2. V. 1, D, 1893-1924, co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.; v. E, 1925--, co. judge's off., 2nd fl.



189. DOCKET OF PROCEEDINGS FEEBLE MINDED CASES, 1915--. 1 v. (1). Docket of proceedings in feeble-minded cases, showing dates of term, summons issued, return, hearing, warrant to commit and return of warrant, names of feeble-minded person, petitioner, parent or guardian, conservator, witnesses, person to whom warrant issued, and physician, kind of service, institution, and orders of the court. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of patient. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 300 p. 13 x 12 x 2. Co. judge's off., 2nd fl.

190. JUDGMENT AND EXECUTION DOCKET, 1859--. 3 v. (1-3). Judgment and execution docket, showing dates of judgment, execution, and filing, case, book and page numbers, names of parties against and for whom judgment is rendered, nature of judgment, amounts of debt, damages, costs, and remarks. Subsequent to 1871 Judgment Docket, entry 191, also kept separately until 1896. Arr. alph. by name of person against whom judgment or execution is entered. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 350 p. 18 x 12 x 3. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

191. JUDGMENT DOCKET, 1872-95. 1 v. 1859-- also in Judgment and Execution Docket, entry 190. Judgment docket showing names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant, dates and nature of actions, against whom and for whom judgment is rendered, amounts of judgment and costs, number of case, record, fee, execution book and page number, and disposition. Arr. alph. by name of party against whom judgment is entered. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 275 p. 18 x 12 x 2. G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

192. DOCKET OF FINES, 1872-89. 1 v. 1890-1930 in Law and Criminal Fee Book, entry 196; 1931-- in Confession Record and Fee Book, entry 170. Docket of fines, showing dates of term, arrest or indictment, judgment and fine paid, docket number, names of persons fined, nature of charge, book and page of entry, amount of fine, costs, sheriff's return, and receipts of clerk. Arr. alph. by name of defendant. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 250 p. 16 x 12 x  $1\frac{1}{2}$ . G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

Justices' Dockets (See also entry 113)

193. POLICE MAGISTRATE DOCKET, 1885--. 14 v. Last entry 1934. Police magistrate's docket showing names of magistrate, plaintiff, defendant, and officer serving process, kind of action or process, nature of charge, date returnable, amount of fees, and record of proceedings. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 427 p.  $13\frac{1}{2}$  x  $8\frac{1}{2}$  x 2. G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.





194. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE DOCKETS, 1858-1925. 57 v. (47 not labeled, 1858-1925; A, A, E-H, 1881-1915; 15, 17, 18, 1906-19; Atlanta, 1909). 1926-- in hands of local justices of the peace.

Justice of the peace dockets, showing dates of instrument, term, judgment served, warrant order issued and returned, names of plaintiff and defendant, justice of the peace, and constable, nature and number of case, and costs of court. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 450 p. 14 x 9 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ . 42 v. not labeled, 1858-1925, v. A, A, E-H, 1881-1915, v. 15, 17, 18, 1906-19, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.; 5 v. not labeled, 1884-1925, Atlanta, 1909, co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

195. CHATTEL MORTGAGE DOCKETS (Justice of the Peace), 1897-1933. 6 v. (3 v., 1897-1925; 3 v., 1897-1933).

Chattel mortgage dockets showing names of mortgagor, mortgagee, and justices of the peace, description of items mortgaged, consideration, and dates due and acknowledged. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of mortgagor. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. Writing faded. 229 p. 13 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 1. 3 v., 1897-1925, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.; 3 v., 1897-1933, co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

#### Fee Books

(See also entry 106)

#### Court Fees

196. LAW AND CRIMINAL FEE BOOK, 1867-1930. 6 v. (1-5, AA). 1931-- in Confession Record and Fee Book, entry 170.

Criminal fee book showing dates of term and action, name of defendant, kind of action, defendant's costs, witness fees, and total costs. Also contains Docket of Fines, 1890-1930, entry 192; Fee Book Civil Cases, 1900-1930, entry 197. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 537 p. 18 x 12 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ . V. 1-4, 1867-1910, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.; v. 5, AA, 1911-30, co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

197. FEE BOOK CIVIL CASES, 1872-99. 3 v. (1-3). 1900-1930 in Law and Criminal Fee Book, entry 196; 1931-- in Confession Record and Fee Book, entry 170.

Record of fees collected in civil cases, showing term date, names of plaintiff and defendant, kind of bill, plaintiff's, defendant's and total costs, and receipts of sheriff and witnesses. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 567 p. 18 x 12 x 4. G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

#### Justices' Fees

198. JUSTICE OF THE PEACE LEDGER, 1859-73. 1 v.

Fee book of justice of the peace court, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, term date, judgment, justice, and constable costs, amount, and by whom paid. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. Binding and paper poor, writing faded. 150 p. 12 x 7 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 1. G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.



Pensions

(See also entries 371, 383)

199. (MOTHERS' PENSION APPLICATIONS AND REPORTS), 1916--. In (County Clerk's General File), entry 113.  
Applications for mothers' pension, reports of investigating officers, and court orders for payment.

Naturalization

(See also entries 113, 301-303)

200. NATURALIZATION PAPERS, 1853--. 3 f.b.  
Applications for naturalization papers, showing application number, names of alien, employer, and country of nativity, date sworn, signature, testimony, and seal of clerk of county court. 1906-- are original applications of aliens who moved to this county after having filed application elsewhere. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 114. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 14. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

201. NATURALIZATION RECORD OF INTENTIONS, 1873-1906. 1 v. Last entry 1903. 1907-- in United States District Court, Springfield Illinois.  
Naturalization record of intention, showing date, name of alien, his bona fide intentions, signature of clerk and date of filing. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of alien. Hdw. on pr. fm. 225 p. 18 x 12 x 1. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

202. NATURALIZATION RECORD FINAL, 1865-1906. 2 v. (A, 1 not lettered). 1907-- in United States District Court, Springfield, Illinois.  
Record of final papers of naturalization, showing name of alien, oath of allegiance to the United States, date and name of clerk before whom sworn in as a citizen of the United States, and signature of citizen. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of alien. Hdw. on pr. fm. 585 p. 18 x 12 x 3. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

203. NATURALIZATION RECORD OF SOLDIERS AND MINORS, 1865-1906. 1 v. Last entry 1902. 1907-- in United States District Court, Springfield, Illinois.  
Naturalization record of soldiers, showing term date, names of judge, sheriff, state's attorney, clerk, alien, and witnesses, alien's term of service in the United States Army, dates testified and of final acceptance to the United States as a citizen, signature of clerk, and date of filing. Also contains Naturalization Record of Minors, 1865-79, entry 204. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of soldier or minor. Hdw. on pr. fm. 600 p. 18 x 12 x 4. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

204. NATURALIZATION RECORD OF MINORS, 1880-1906. 1 v. Last entry 1903. 1865-79 in Naturalization Record of Soldiers and Minors, entry 203; 1907-- in United States District Court, Springfield, Illinois.  
Naturalization record of minors, showing petition, final oath and certificate of minor, term date, names of petitioner, judge, sheriff, state's attorney, witnesses, and clerk, and dates of final oath, certificate, and filing. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of minor. Hdw. on pr. fm. 600 p. 18 x 12 x 4. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.





## V. PROBATE COURT

The probate court in Logan County, as in each of the counties of the state, has original jurisdiction in all matters of probate, the settlement of estates of deceased persons, the appointment of guardians and conservators and settlement of their accounts; matters relating to apprentices, proceedings of executors and administrators for sale of real estate; proceedings for the collection of taxes and special assessments.<sup>1</sup> The court has power to impanel a jury for the trial of issues or matters of fact in any of these matters before the court.<sup>2</sup>

Probate jurisdiction was first exercised in Logan County by a justice of the peace, the General Assembly having provided for the election by the county electorate of one additional justice of the peace for each county, such justice being styled the "probate justice of the peace" of his county.<sup>3</sup> In all cases of the exercise of his judicial power over probate matters the justice was to report his proceedings to the circuit court, and, such court approving, the proceedings were to be considered as a matter of record of that court. This office was elective for a four-year term until 1845, when the term was reduced to two years.<sup>4</sup> In 1849 probate jurisdiction was transferred to the newly-created county court, which court has retained such jurisdiction until the present.<sup>5</sup>

The early probate justice, 1839-1849, was required to perform the ministerial function of the probate clerk. From the creation of the county court in Logan County in 1849, until the present, the county clerk has served as ex-officio clerk of the probate court.

The major records of the probate court are:

1. Journal of all judicial proceedings and determinations of the judge.
2. A judgment docket with direct and indirect index; former by name of claimant against estate, latter by estate. In practice, the requirement of two indexes often leads to two dockets.

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1. Constitution of 1870, Art. VI, sec. 20; R.S.1874, p. 339; L.1877, p. 80.  
2. R.S.1845, p. 339; L.1933, p. 459.  
3. R.L.1837, p. 176.  
4. R.S.1845, p. 426.  
5. Constitution of 1848, Art. V, sec. 16,18; L.1849, p. 64,65; R.S.1874, p. 339,340.



3. Books for recordation of bonds and letters of administrators, executors, and guardians; appraisement and sale bills; widows' relinquishment and selection of property; wills and the probate thereof; annual and final reports of administrators, executors, and guardians. Generally each category of these probate business matters is recorded separately, but the segregation is not always carefully maintained.
4. Separate dockets of unsettled estates and claims against estates, and a ledger of the accounts of executors, administrators, and guardians. Note that the dockets of probate business matters are separated from dockets of court proceedings, just as are the books of recordation of the two categories; the intention of the law to make this distinction is further shown in its granting the clerk, during vacation of the court, power to receive petitions, accept bonds, grant letters testamentary, etc.
5. Files of original documents not subject to recordation; indexes of such; records of office transactions in pursuance of the court's orders to the clerk necessary in the latter's settlement with that body.<sup>1</sup>

Aiding the court in its jurisdiction over the administration of intestate estates and the guardianship of minors, are the public administrator and the public county guardian. Each officer is appointed for Logan County, quadrennially, by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate. The public administrator and public county guardian are required to enter into bonds set and approved by the probate court in sums not less than \$5,000.<sup>2</sup> Their duties are performed under the direction and orders of the court. The records that result from their prescribed duties appear among the records of the court with those of other administrators, executors, and guardians.

When there is no relative nor creditor who will administer an intestate estate, the court commits the administration to the public administrator upon application of any person interested in the deceased estate.<sup>3</sup> If within six months after the administration is granted to the public administrator, a widow or next of kin, or creditor of the deceased appears, the court then revokes its grant of administration to the public administrator, and orders powers of administration granted to such person interested in the estate. If any balance of intestate estate remains in the

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1. L.1821, p. 119; R.L.1829, p. 215,231; R.L.1837, p. 429; R.S.1845, p. 427,428; L.1851, p. 193; L.1859, p. 92-94; R.S.1874, p. 260-65; L.1877, p. 63; L.1933, p. 293.

2. L.1825, p. 70; R.L.1829, p. 209; R.L.1833, p. 627,628; R.S.1845, p. 548; L.1871-72, p. 77; L.1881, p. 3; L.1889, p. 165.

3. R.L.1833, p. 628; R.S.1845, p. 548; L.1871-72, p. 77.





charges against the estate, which have been presented within two years after administration of the estate was committed to such public administrator, are fully paid, the administrator causes to be published a notice requiring persons having claims against the estate to present them to the county court within six months. If no such claim is presented upon the expiration of the six-month period the balance is paid into the county treasury, the county remaining answerable for the same to any future claims.<sup>1</sup>

As already noted, the court has authority to appoint guardians of minor heirs of deceased persons.<sup>2</sup> In cases where the minor is under fourteen years of age, the court appoints his guardian. When the minor is over fourteen, he may nominate his own guardian subject to the approval of the court.<sup>3</sup> Under the direction of the court, the guardian is responsible for the custody, nurture and tuition of his ward, and the care and management of his estate. The court may grant the guardianship of the estate to one guardian and the custody and tuition of the ward to another.<sup>4</sup> Within sixty days of his appointment, the guardian returns to the probate court a complete inventory of the real and personal estate of the ward in the form prescribed by law.<sup>5</sup> At the end of the first year of his appointment, and every three years thereafter, he makes a settlement of his accounts. When his trust is completed or upon the death of the ward, the guardian makes final settlement and delivers over to persons entitled the property and papers in his hands.<sup>6</sup> Upon failure of a guardian appointed by the court to act within three months in this capacity, the court commits the guardianship of such minor to the public guardian.<sup>7</sup> The latter's records appear with those of other guardians.

### Proceedings of Court

#### 205. INDEX TO ADMINISTRATORS AND EXECUTORS, 1857--. 2 v. (1, 2).

Direct index to administrators' and executors' records, showing names of estate, administrator, or executor, file box number, and record book and page of docket, order, inventory, appraisement, sale, bonds and letters, wills, reports, ledger, fees, claims, and date of discharge. Arr. alph. by names of administrator and executor. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 300 p. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ . V. 1, 1857-1919, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.; v. 2, 1920--, co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

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1. R.S.1845, p. 549; L.1871-72, p. 77.
  2. L.1851, p. 100; L.1835, p. 36; R.S.1845, p. 265, 266; L.1873-74, p. 107; L.1919, p. 582; L.1931, p. 618; L.1937, p. 660.
  3. L.1831, p. 100; L.1835, p. 36; R.S.1845, p. 265; L.1873-74, p. 107; L.1919, p. 582; L.1931, p. 618; L.1937, p. 660.
  4. L.1871-72, p. 469; L.1877, p. 114.
  5. L.1919, p. 582; L.1933, p. 644.
  6. L.1871-72, p. 469; L.1919, p. 582; L.1929, p. 506.
  7. L.1889, p. 165.



206. INDEX TO GUARDIANS AND CONSERVATORS, 1857--. 1 v. (1).

Direct index to estates in guardianship and conservatorship, showing names of estate, guardian, and conservator, file box number and record book and page, order, inventory, sale and appraisement, bonds and letters, reports, fees, claims, ledger, probate journal, and date of discharge. Arr. alph. by names of guardian and conservator. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 350 p. 18 x 12 x 3. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

207. INDEX TO PROBATE RECORDS, 1857-1902. 2 v. (A, B). Discontinued.

Indirect index to all probate records, including those in county clerk's general file, showing names of estate, administrators, executors, guardians, conservators, sureties, widows, and heirs, dates of letters and sale bills, file box number and record book and page, inventory, appraisement, sale, bonds and letters, wills, reports, claims, fees, probate journal, and date of discharge. Subsequent to 1902, this index supplanted by separate indexes, entries 205, 206. Arr. alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 p. 18 x 14 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ . G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

208. PROBATE COURT IN THE MATTER OF ADMINISTRATORS' ESTATES (Administrators' Papers), 1927--. 24 f.b. 1857-1926 in (County Clerk's General File), entry 113.

Papers in unsettled estates in administratorship, including widows' selections, appraisement bills, letters of administration, petitions for letters of administration, administrators' bonds and oaths, orders granting letters of administration, and orders directing administrator to pay trust fund to successor in trust. Arr. alph. by name of estate. For index, see entry 205. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

209. GUARDIAN (Papers), 1896--. 1 f.b. (S). 1857-95 in (County Clerk's General File), entry 113.

Papers in unsettled estates in guardianship, original letters of guardianship, orders and petitions for appointment of guardian, court orders, guardians' inventories, and reports of sales of real estate. Arr. alph. by name of estate. For index, 1896-1902, see entry 207; 1896--, see entry 206. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

210. CONSERVATOR AND GUARDIAN (Papers), 1924--. 1 f.b. (M). 1857-1923 in (County Clerk's General File), entry 113.

Papers in unsettled estates in conservatorship and guardianship, including letters of conservatorship and guardianship, conservators' and guardians' reports, petitions and orders to mortgage real estate, conservators' inventories, petitions for appointment of a conservator, guardian ad litem, answers, summonses, and court orders. Arr. alph. by name of estate. For index, see entry 206. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.





211. PROBATE COURT IN THE MATTER OF CONSERVATORS' ESTATES (Conservators' Papers), 1927--. 24 f.b. 1857-1926 in (County Clerk's General File), entry 113.

Papers in estates in conservatorship, including conservators' reports of accounts, petitions for appointment of conservator, letters of conservatorship, venire for jury, probate orders, entry of appearance and application for restoration to status of same person, and discharge of conservator. Arr. alph. by name of conservator. For index, see entry 206. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

212. (UNCLAIMED PROPERTY), 1857--. In (County Clerk's General File), entry 113.

Papers belonging to estates in probate in which the heirs have not been found or have failed to claim their property.

213. CLERKS (Probate Orders), 1936--. 1 f.b. 1857-1935 in (County Clerk's General File), entry 113.

Original orders on final reports, matters of wills and estates, appointment, and sales of personal property at public and private sales. Arr. chron. No index. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

214. LAME DUCKS (Miscellaneous Papers), 1920--. 1 f.b.

Original documents including final reports, wills, guardianship and guardians' reports, certificates of publication, petitions for appointment of conservators, and papers in county court criminal cases. Also contains (Inheritance Tax Reports and Receipts), entry 251. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 206. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

215. PROBATE RECORD, 1857--. 46 v. (1-46). Title varies: Probate Journal.

Record of proceedings in probate court, such as probate of estate and of will, appointment of guardian for minor children, adjustment of claims, petitions to sell land to pay debts, confirmation of appointment of administrator, insolvent estate, discharge of insolvent debtor, appointment of executor, guardian or conservator, and proof of execution of will, showing names of estate, guardian, conservator or administrator, date of proceedings, and orders of court. Also serves as Probate Ledger, 1878--, entry 247, and contains Order Sale of Personal Property Record, 1920--, entry 240. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of principal; for sep. index, see entries 205-207. 1857-1914, hdw.; 1915--, typed. 650 p. 18 x 12 x 4. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

216. MISCELLANEOUS RECORDS, 1884--. 4 v. (1-4).

General records of estates, including assignments of estates, orders to locate heirs, partial assignments, cash accounts, income fund accounts, receipts, waivers of dower rights, and applications for probate of wills. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. 1884-1902, hdw.; 1903--, typed. 550 p. 18 x 12 x 4. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

217. ASSIGNMENT RECORD, 1878-99. 1 v. 1900-- in Administrators and Executors (Report) Record, entry 242.

Assignment record showing date, name, and legal description of estate, itemized report of sale of personal property, amount of sale, and notarial acknowledgment. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on pr. fm. 585 p. 18 x 12 x 3. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.



## Probate Business

Wills, Bonds, Letters (See  
also entries 144, 363, 364)

218. (WILLS), 1857--. In (County Clerk's General File), entry 113. Original wills filed for record, showing date of instrument, names of testator, heirs, and executors, bequests, and terms.

219. WILL RECORD, 1855--. 11 v. (1-11).  
Petitions to admit wills to probate, showing term of court, date of hearing, names of deceased, petitioner, witnesses, judge, and sheriff, order for and record of hearing, affidavit of witness, notarial acknowledgment, and copy of will. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of deceased; for sep. index, see entry 205. Hdw. on pr. fm. 400 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Co. clk.'s vlt., 1st fl.

220. ADMINISTRATORS AND EXECUTORS RECORD, 1857--. 8 v. (1-8).  
Copies of appointments of administrators, showing names of estate, administrator, and bondsmen, obligations and amount of bond, dates of bonds, petitions, oaths, and letters, signatures of administrators, and acknowledgment of letters and bonds before notary. Also contains Additional Bonds, 1887--, entry 224; and Executors Record, 1857-83, entry 225. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate; for sep. index, see entry 205. Hdw. on pr. fm. 293 p. 18 x 12 x 2. G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

221. MISCELLANEOUS BONDS AND LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION, 1872--.  
3 v. (A-C).  
Copies of miscellaneous bonds and letters of administrator and administrator de bonis non, showing term date, names of estate, principal, and sureties, amount and obligation, and notarial acknowledgment; letters of administration, showing names of administrator or executor, and deceased, date of death and filing, and signature of county clerk. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on pr. fm. 320 p. 18 x 12 x 1½. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

222. ADMINISTRATORS BOND WITH WILL ANNEXED, 1893--. 1 v. (B).  
Copies of bonds and letters of administrators with will annexed, showing term date, names of estate, administrator, principal, and sureties, amount and terms of bonds, notarial acknowledgment, dates of letters, will, and filing, copy of will, and signature of clerk. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on pr. fm. 296 p. 18 x 12 x 1½. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

223. ADMINISTRATORS, GUARDIANS BONDS TO SELL REAL ESTATE, 1894--.  
1 v. (A).  
Copies of bonds of administrators and guardians to sell real estate, showing names of estate, principal, and sureties, amount and obligation of bond, and dates of acknowledgment before notary and filing. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on pr. fm. 320 p. 18 x 12 x 1½. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.





224. ADDITIONAL BONDS, 1857-86. 2 v. (1 not lettered, 1857-69; v. A, 1867-86). 1867-- in Administrators and Executors Record, entry 220.

Transcripts of administrators' and executors' additional bonds and letters, with bonds showing term date, names of estate, appointees and bondsmen, amount and obligation of bond; letters of administration, showing names of administrator or executor, and deceased, and acknowledgment before notary. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on pr. fm. Binding poor. 317 p. 18 x 12 x 1½. 1 v. not lettered, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.; v. A, co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

225. EXECUTORS RECORD, 1884--. 6 v. (4-9). 1857-83 in Administrators and Executors Record, entry 220.

Copies of executors' oaths, bonds, petitions, and letters, showing names of estate, executor, clerk, principal of bond, and sureties, amount, date and terms of bond, date of letters and oath, order appointing executor, signatures of executor and witnesses. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate; for sep. index, see entry 205. Hdw. on pr. fm. 436 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

226. GUARDIANS' RECORD, 1857--. 6 v. (1-6).

Copies of guardians' petitions, oaths, bond, and letters, showing names of judge, estate, guardian, minor, principal of bond, and sureties, minor's share of property, amount, date and terms of bond, notarial acknowledgment, filing date, and signature of county clerk. Also contains Conservators' Record, 1857-1919, entry 227. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate; for sep. index, see entry 206. Hdw. on pr. fm. 569 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

227. CONSERVATORS' RECORD, 1920--. 1 v. (2). 1857-1919 in Guardians Record, entry 226.

Copies of conservators' bonds and letters, with bonds showing names of estate, principal, and sureties, amount and obligation of bond, dates of acknowledgment before notary, and filing; letters of conservatorship, showing term date, names of conservator and ward, nature of incompetency, authorization issued by clerk of court, and date of filing. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate; for sep. index, see entry 206. Typed on pr. fm. 292 p. 18 x 12 x 1½. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

228. TRUSTEES' RECORD, 1910-12. 1 v. Discontinued.

Copies of petitions for letters of trusteeship, and oaths and bonds of trustees, names of petitioners, trustees, and bondsmen, dates of term, acknowledgment before notary, and filing, and grant of letters of trusteeship. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on pr. fm. 280 p. 18 x 12 x 2. G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.



Heirship

229. HEIRSHIP RECORDS, 1911--. 5 v. (1-5).  
Orders and findings of court in case of unknown or disputed heirship, showing term date, names of deceased, judge, widow, and heirs, evidence as submitted to court, date, and court orders. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 386 p. 18 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

Inventories and Appraisements

230. CONSERVATORS INVENTORY RECORD, 1902--. 1 v. (2). 1857-72 in Inventory Appraisalment and Sale Record, entry 235; 1873-1901 in Conservators and Guardians Inventory Record, entry 232.  
Copies of inventories of estates in conservatorship, showing names of estate, conservator, date of inventory, list and value of real estate and chattel properties, annuities and credits, recapitulation, and acknowledgment before notary. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate; for sep. index, see entry 206. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 570 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

231. GUARDIANS INVENTORY RECORD, 1902--. 1 v. (2). 1857-72 in Inventory Appraisalment and Sale Record, entry 235; 1873-1901 in Conservators and Guardians Record, entry 232.  
Copies of inventories of estates in guardianship, showing names of estates and guardians, date of inventory, list and value of real estate and chattel properties, annuities and credits, recapitulation, and notarial acknowledgment. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate; for sep. index, see entry 206. Hdw. and typed on pr. fm. 570 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

232. CONSERVATORS AND GUARDIANS INVENTORY RECORD, 1873-1901. 1 v. 1857-72 in Inventory Appraisalment and Sale Record, entry 235.  
Inventories of guardians and conservators, showing names of incompetent person or minor child, and guardian or conservator, description of real and personal property, value of each, and list of annuities and credits. Subsequent to 1901, Conservators Inventory Record, entry 230, and Guardians Inventory Record, entry 231, kept separately. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate; for sep. index, see entry 206. Hdw. 572 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

233. INVENTORY RECORD, 1893--. 8 v. (9-16). 1857-92 in Inventory Appraisalment and Sale Record, entry 235.  
Inventories of estates, showing date, names of estate, administrators, guardians, conservators, and executors, legal description and value of real estate, list of chattel properties, value of each item, notes, annuities and credits, and recapitulation. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate; for sep. index, see entries 205-207. 1893-1917, hdw. on pr. fm.; 1918--, typed on pr. fm. 300 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.





234. APPRAISEMENT RECORD, 1893--. 9 v. (8-16). 1857-92 in Inventory Appraisement and Sale Record, entry 235.

Record of appraisement of estates in probate, showing names of estate, appraiser, widow, and minors, court order appointing appraiser, date of oath and notarial acknowledgment, appraisement bill with itemized statement of real estate and personal property, value of each item, total value, and amount allowed widow and minor children. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate; for sep. index, see entries 205-207. 1893-1918, hdw. on pr. fm.; 1919--, typed on pr. fm. 291 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

235. INVENTORY APPRAISEMENT AND SALE RECORD, 1857-92. 7 v. (1-7). Inventories of estates in probate, showing names of estate, appraiser, judge, and clerk, list of real estate and chattel properties, value, notes and accounts, by whom owing, date, interest and amount due, dates of appraisal and sale, warrant to appraiser, appraiser's oath, estimate of value of property and articles sold, amount of sale, and signature and acknowledgment before notary. Also contains Conservators and Guardians Inventory Record, 1857-72, entry 232, including Conservators Inventory Record, entry 230, and Guardians Inventory Record, entry 231. Subsequent to 1892 Inventory Record, entry 233, and Appraisement Record, entry 234, kept separately. Subsequent to 1888, Sale Bill Record, entry 239, also kept separately. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate; for sep. index, see entries 205-207. Hdw. on pr. fm. 435 p. 18 x 12 x 3. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

Widows' Relinquishment  
and Selection

236. (WIDOWS' SELECTION PAPERS), 1857--. In (County Clerk's General File), entry 113.

Widows' relinquishment and selection of property awarded her, showing names of widow and deceased, and list of property with appraised valuation.

237. WIDOWS RELINQUISHMENT AND SELECTION RECORD, 1895--. 3 v. (1-3). Schedule of personal property selected by widow, showing names of estate, widow, and clerk, list of personal property selected, value of each item, signature of widow, and date. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of widow. 1895-1918, hdw. on pr. fm.; 1919--, typed on pr. fm. 270 p. 18 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

Petitions, Decrees,  
Reports of Sale

238. (SALE OF REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY), 1857--. In (County Clerk's General File), entry 113.

Petitions, decrees, and reports of sale of real and personal property to pay debts.



239. SALE BILL RECORD, 1889--. 7 v. (8-14). 1857-88 in Inventory Appraisement and Sale Record, entry 235.

Copies of sale bills, showing names of deceased, judge, administrator or executor, and purchaser, date, terms, amount of sale, articles sold, date of filing, and acknowledgment before notary public. Also contains Record Sale of Real Estate, Minors, 1900--, entry 241. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. 1889-1912, hdw. on pr. fm.; 1913-32, typed on pr. fm.; 1933--, typed. 300 p. 18 x 12 x 2. V. 8-10, 1889-1911, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.; v. 11-14, 1912--, co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

240. ORDER SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY RECORD, 1917-19. 1 v. 1920-- in Probate Court, Probate Journal, entry 215.

Orders for sale of personal property of estates, showing term date, names of judge, sheriff, clerk, deceased, and administrator, itemized statement of articles to be sold, appraised value, total appraised value, and date of filing. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Hdw. on pr. fm. 569 p. 18 x 12 x 4. G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

241. RECORD SALE OF REAL ESTATE, MINORS, 1892-99. 1 v. 1900-- in Sale Bill Record, entry 239.

Sale record of real estate of minors, showing notice of application for sale, names of minors, heirs, and guardian, reason for sale, legal description of property, motions and decree to sell real estate, and court orders allowing sale. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of guardian. Hdw. on pr. fm. 200 p. 18 x 12 x 1. G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

#### Reports, Current and Final Accounts

242. ADMINISTRATORS AND EXECUTORS (Report) RECORD, 1887--. 13 v. (1-13).

Reports of estates by administrators and executors, showing term date, itemized list of money received, from what source, amount and to whom paid, and for what purpose, balance on hand, notarial acknowledgment, date of filing, and names of clerk, estate, administrator, or executor. Also contains Assignment Record, 1900--, entry 217. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate; for sep. index, see entry 205. 1887-1918, hdw. on pr. fm.; 1919--, typed on pr. fm. 295 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

243. HISTORY OF ESTATES (Estate Records), 1857-93. 2 v. (A, B).  
Discontinued.

Estate record showing names of estate, widow, and heirs, dates of appointments and settlements, balance on hand, order of court, record book and page of entry, date claims allowed, to whom paid, and amount. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. on pr. fm. 500 p. 17 x 15 x 3. G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

244. GUARDIANS REPORT (Record), 1887--. 6 v. (1-6).

Reports of estates in guardianship, showing names of estate and guardian, amounts received to be credited to ward, amounts paid out for benefit of ward, balance on hand, acknowledgment by guardian before notary, and date. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of guardian; for sep. index, see entry 206. 1887-1918, hdw. on pr. fm.; 1919--, typed on pr. fm. 304 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.





245. GUARDIANS' ESTATE RECORD, 1868-93. 1 v. Discontinued.  
Guardians' complete estate records showing names of estate, guardian and bondsmen, amount and date of bond, date of appointment, names and ages of minors, first, second, and third settlements, amount on hand, orders of court, and remarks. Arr. alph. by name of estate. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. Binding poor. 400 p. 17 x 15 x 3. G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

246. CONSERVATORS REPORT RECORD, 1901--. 3 v. (1-3).  
Reports of estates in conservatorship, showing date, names of estate and conservator, statement of amounts received and paid out, recapitulation, acknowledgment before notary, and date of filing. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate; for sep. index, see entry 206. Hdw. on pr. fm. 530 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

247. PROBATE LEDGER, 1859-77. 1 v. 1878-- in Probate Record, entry 215.  
Ledger accounts of receipts and expenditures of estates, showing names of guardian, minor, and deceased, date, amount, and for what received, entry book and page number, date and amount paid as allowed by court, and total amount disbursed. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of guardian. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. Binding and paper poor, writing faded. 210 p. 18 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 12 x 2. G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

Inheritance Tax (See  
also entries 376, 377)

248. INHERITANCE TAX (Documents), 1936--. 1 f.b.  
Inheritance tax returns with letters, schedules of all real estate, personal property, and cash and financial securities. After these papers have been entered in Inheritance Tax Record, entry 249, they are filed with Lane Ducks (Miscellaneous Papers), entry 214. Arr. chron. No index. 10 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 14. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

249. INHERITANCE TAX RECORD, 1895--. 6 v. (2 not numbered, 1-4).  
Inheritance tax record showing names of court, decedent, executor, administrator, petitioner, heirs, and debtors, dates of death, petition, letters, schedules of all real estate, personal property, cash and financial securities, description and appraisals of property, inheritance tax and appraisement numbers, and notarial acknowledgment. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. 1895-1918, hdw. on pr. fm.; 1919--, typed on pr. fm. 200 p. 18 x 12 x 1. 2 v. not numbered, 1895-1900, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.; v. 1-4, 1901--, co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

250. INHERITANCE TAX DOCKET, 1913--. 1 v.  
Inheritance tax docket showing names of estate, attorneys, and appraiser, dates of death, proceedings, and appraiser's report, amounts certified by judge for payment to beneficiaries, description of property, appraised value, exemptions, taxable value, and rate and amount of tax as fixed by court. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 450 p. 18 x 12 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Co. judge's off., 2nd fl.



251. (INHERITANCE TAX REPORTS AND RECEIPTS), 1920--. In Lane Ducks (Miscellaneous Papers), entry 214. Inheritance tax receipts showing name of estate, date of death, value of estate, amount of tax, and orders of court.

Dockets

Court Proceedings

252. JUDGES DOCKET PROBATE, 1872--. 25 v. (A-Y). Docket of cases heard by judges in probate court, showing case number, date, names of plaintiff and defendant, nature of action, order previous term, and orders of court. Also contains copartnership records and serves as Claim Docket, 1872-1906, entry 254, and as Probate Execution Docket, 1873-1906, entry 253. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 300 p. 18 x 12 x 2. V. A-W, 1872-1933, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.; v. X, Y, 1934--., co. clk.'s off., 2nd fl.

253. PROBATE EXECUTION DOCKET, 1859-72. 1 v. 1873-1906 in Judges Docket Probate, entry 252; 1907-- in Claim Docket, entry 254. Docket of judgments entered in probate cases, showing claim number, date of filing, names of claimant and estate, nature and amount of claim, term date, memorandum as to summons and notice, judgment of court, and dates of issue and return of summons. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. Binding poor. 319 p. 18 x 13 x 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ . G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

Probate Business

254. CLAIM DOCKET, 1907--. 6 v. (1-6). 1872-1906 in Judges Docket Probate, entry 252. Docket of claims against estates, showing names of estate and claimant, nature and amount of claim, dates filed, allowed, or rejected, memorandum as to summons, judgment and remarks. Also contains Probate Execution Docket, entry 253. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate; for sep. index, see entries 205, 206. Hdw. on pr. fm. 250 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

255. ESTATE DOCKET, 1910-11. 1 v. Discontinued. Docket of estate cases, showing name of deceased, date of death, nature of case, amount of bond, and date. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 100 p. 18 x 13 x 1. G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.





Fee Books  
(See also entry 106)

256. GUARDIANS', CONSERVATORS', ADMINISTRATORS', AND EXECUTORS'  
FEE BOOKS, PROBATE FEE BOOKS, 1857--. 18 v. (A-G, 1857-1910;  
6-16, 1909--).

Fees received in probate cases, showing term date, names of estate, administrator, guardian, conservator, and executor, itemized statement of fees, total amount of fees received, dates received and paid out, clerk's, sheriff's, and witness fees. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of deceased; for sep. index, see entries 205-207. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 525 p. 18 x 12 x 3. V. A-G, 1857-1910, v. 6, 1909-11, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.; v. 7-16, 1910--, co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

## VI. CIRCUIT COURT

The circuit court has original jurisdiction of all causes of law and equity, and appellate jurisdiction in probate matters and causes cognizable by the county court and justices of the peace.<sup>1</sup> In addition, it is one of the courts capable, according to Federal Statutes, of having naturalization jurisdiction.<sup>2</sup>

In Logan County, the judges serving the circuit were originally appointed by the General Assembly.<sup>3</sup> This provision was effective for a brief period of six years, for, beginning in 1845, the justices of the supreme court held the circuit courts until 1849.<sup>4</sup> The second Constitution, 1848, greatly changed this judicial arrangement. It divided the state into nine judicial districts, in each of which a circuit judge was elected by the voters thereof.<sup>5</sup> The Constitution of 1870 altered the circuit districts and established population requirements for counties that may comprise a circuit.<sup>6</sup>

Thus, in Logan County the circuit courts were held by an appointee of the General Assembly from the establishment of the county in 1839 until 1845; from 1845 through 1848 by the justices of the supreme court;

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1. Constitution of 1870, Art. VI, sec. 12.

2. U.S.S.1802, p. 153; U.S.R.S.1874, p. 378; U.S.S.1906, p. 596; U.S.S.1913, p. 737; U.S.S.1926, p. 709.

3. L.1835, p. 150; L.1841, p. 155. See also Constitution of 1818, Art. IV.

4. R.S.1845, p. 143.

5. Constitution of 1848, Art. V, sec. 7.

6. Constitution of 1870, Art. VI, sec. 13.



and from 1849 to the present the circuit judge has been an elected officer of the judicial district electorate of which Logan County is a part. The eleventh circuit district serving Logan is comprised of five counties.

The circuit court has original jurisdiction over matters dealing with dependent, neglected, and delinquent children, which jurisdiction is concurrent with that of the county court.<sup>1</sup> Accordingly, the court is empowered to appoint one or more probation officers to assist in handling such children before and after trial.

Another officer serving the court is the probation officer for adult probationers. This officer, first provided for in 1911,<sup>2</sup> may be appointed by the circuit court to serve the circuit and county courts in the exercise of their jurisdiction over criminal offenders. Both this, and the above-mentioned probation officer, when appointed, are officers of the appointing court, act under direction of the court, and turn over their records to the custody of the county or circuit court clerk as the case may be.

The clerk of the circuit court was appointed by the circuit court in Logan County until 1849.<sup>3</sup> He was required to keep and preserve complete record of all proceedings and determinations of the court of which he was clerk.<sup>4</sup> The Constitution of 1848 made him an elected officer of the county electorate with a four-year term.<sup>5</sup>

Among the records kept by the clerk are the following:

1. Books of record of the proceedings and judgments of the court, with alphabetical indexes by parties. Proceedings are recorded at length only in cases designated by law, or when the court, at the motion and assumption of expense by one of the parties, so orders. In practice, the court record has been broken down from an early date into segregated types of proceedings and judgments.
2. "Plaintiff-Defendant Index to Court Record" and "Defendant-Plaintiff Index to Court Records." Intended to be separate records but frequently combined in a single volume with the two indexes segregated in each volume.

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1. L.1899, p. 131; L.1901, p. 141; L.1905, p. 152; L.1907, p. 70; L.1923, p. 180; L.1925, p. 187.

2. L.1911, p. 280,281.

3. R.L.1819, p. 380; R.L.1833, p. 152; R.S.1845, p. 146,147.

4. Ibid.

5. Constitution of 1848, Art. V, sec. 29; Constitution of 1870, Art. X, sec. 8.





3. A general docket, in which all suits are entered in the order they are commenced.
4. A judgment and execution docket, containing a column for the entry of satisfaction or other disposition. In practice, an execution docket is frequently set up independently.
5. Additional dockets, designated as the clerk's, judge's, and bar docket. In practice, the bar docket has tended to drop out of use.<sup>1</sup>
6. A fee book, in which costs and fees are to be entered under the proper title of the case. In practice, separate series of volumes are maintained under such titles of causes.
7. Transcripts of proceedings in appeals from justices' courts and foreign courts, dockets thereof, and transcripts of judgment for liens, etc., from the former.
8. Naturalization proceedings, from petitions to final certificates. Federal Statutes allow the circuit court to exercise jurisdiction.
9. Reports to the court from its designated masters in chancery, the state's attorney, and the coroner's inquest juries.
10. Jury venire, summonses, certificates, etc.
11. Original documents used in court hearings and determinations. These documents are of particular importance because in a large number of cases the complete proceedings are not spread on court record.<sup>2</sup>
12. Monthly reports of the warden of the county jail, containing a list of all prisoners in his custody, showing causes of commitment and persons by whom committed.<sup>3</sup>

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1. The Civil Practice Act of 1933 grants authority to the circuit courts, subject to rules promulgated by the supreme court and not inconsistent with statutory requirements, to make such rules as they may deem expedient, regulating dockets and calendars of said court. L.1933, p. 785, sec. 2.
  2. R.S.1845, p. 57,323-26,414,418,419,518; L.1865, p. 79,80; L.1871-72, p. 325; R.S.1874, p. 262,263,285-87,339; L.1877, p. 77; L.1895, p. 206,210,211,217; L.1933, p. 378-80; U.S.S.1802, p. 153-55; U.S.R.S.1874, p. 378-80; U.S.S.1906, p. 597-607; U.S.S.1926, p. 709, 710; U.S.S.1929, p. 154,155.
  3. R.S.1874, p. 616; L.1933, p. 677.



Proceedings of Court

257. PLAINTIFF-DEFENDANT INDEX TO COURT RECORDS COMMON LAW,  
1857--. 8 v. (1-4, plaintiff; 1-4, defendant):

Plaintiffs' and defendants' index to common law records, showing names of parties, term date, kind of action, satisfaction, dates commenced and disposed of, file box number and book and page of court records, judgment docket, fee book, execution docket, and certificates of levy, sale and redemption. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 750 p. 18 x 12 x 3. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

258. COMPLAINANT-DEFENDANT INDEX TO CIRCUIT COURT CHANCERY RECORDS,  
1857--. 6 v. (1-3, complainant; 1-3, defendant):

Complainant and defendant index to chancery records, showing names of parties, kind of action, dates commenced and disposed of, file box number, and book and page of court records, judgment docket, fee book, certificates of sale and redemption. Arr. alph. by names of plaintiff and defendant. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 450 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

259. INDEX TO CRIMINAL RECORDS, 1921--. 1 v. (1).

Index to criminal records, showing names of defendants, kind of action, term date, dates indictment returned and disposed of, file box number, and book and page of court records. Arr. alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 600 p. 18 x 12 x 4. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

260. CIRCUIT COURT RECORDS (Files), 1857--. 690 f.b. (1-690).

Circuit court common law and chancery files including summonses, citations, petitions for attachments, for modification of decree, for alimony, affidavits of witnesses, orders of court, defendant's answers, habeas corpus, bills for divorce, instructions to jury, stipulations, additional counts, declaration, pleas, replications, motions for new trials, challenge to the array of jurors, verdicts, defaults, and venire of jurors. Arr. chron. For index, see entries 257, 258. 10 x 5 x 14. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

261. (CRIMINAL FILES), 1858--. 64 f.b.

Documents in criminal cases, including summonses, subpoenas, pleas, transcripts of evidence, indictments, verdicts of jury, and appeals. Also contains Receipts for Prisoners, 1933--, entry 262. Arr. chron. 1858-1920, no index; for index, 1921--, see entry 259. 10 x 5 x 14. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

262. RECEIPTS FOR PRISONERS, 1886-1932. 1 f.b. 1933-- in (Criminal Files), entry 261.

Receipts from warden of state penitentiary for prisoners delivered by the sheriff, showing name of prisoner, nature of crime, term of sentence, dates tried, convicted, sentenced, and delivered to penitentiary, and signature of warden. Arr. chron. No index. 10 x 5 x 14. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.





263. (DECREES OF FORECLOSURE), 1857--. In (County Clerk's General File), entry 113.

Decrees of foreclosure of mortgage, showing names of mortgagor and mortgagee, description of property, amount of mortgage, amount in default, and court orders.

264. CONFESSIONS, 1884--. 32 f.b.

Executions and judgments in confession, motions to amend judgment, and narr and cognovit papers, showing case number, names of plaintiff and defendant, cause of action, amount of judgment, term date, court costs, and signatures of clerk, plaintiff, and attorneys. Arr. chron. No index. 10 x 5 x 14. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

265. MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS, 1913--. 1 f.b.

Resolutions showing term date, terms of resolutions, and name of person in whose honor drawn. Arr. chron. No index. 10 x 5 x 14. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

266. HABEAS CORPUS, 1907-17. 1 f.b.

Petitions for writ of habeas corpus issued by attorney for defendant, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, reason for writ, date crime committed, dates of appearance and writ, and signature of county judge. Arr. chron. No index. 10 x 5 x 14. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

267. MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS, 1854--. 3 f.b.

Jury verdicts, cancellations of certificates of naturalization, search warrants, criminal complaints, state warrants for arrest, orders of court fixing bailiff's fees, and trustees' reports. Arr. chron. No index. 10 x 5 x 14. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

268. CIRCUIT COURT RECORD COMMON LAW, 1857--. 21 v. (1-21).

Common law records and judgments by confession showing names of plaintiff, defendant, judge, sheriff, and clerk, date of term, minutes of court, action, judgment, orders of court, decrees, and dates of filing. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 257. 1857-1912, hdw.; 1913--, typed. 650 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

For individual records pertaining to Abraham Lincoln, see Appendix, entries D, E.

269. CIRCUIT COURT RECORD CHANCERY, 1860--. 50 v. (1-50).

Chancery records showing case number, names of plaintiff, defendant, witnesses, judge, sheriff, and clerk, action, minutes of cases, final orders, decrees, and dates of orders, and filing. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff; for sep. index, see entry 258. 1860-1909, hdw.; 1910--, typed. 580 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.



270. CIRCUIT COURT RECORD PEOPLES (Criminal), 1860--. 15 v. (1-15). Record of criminal cases, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, term date, action, minutes of case, date submitted to jury, orders of court, decrees, and date recorded; includes probation records. Also contains Circuit Court Indictments, 1860-1920, entry 271. Arr. chron. 1860-1920, no index; for index, 1921--, see entry 259. 1860-1924, hdw.; 1925--, typed. 560 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

For individual record pertaining to Abraham Lincoln, see Appendix, entry F.

271. CIRCUIT COURT INDICTMENTS, 1921--. 3 v. (12, 13, 15).

1860-1920 in Circuit Court Record Peoples (Criminal), entry 270. Indictment record showing term date, names of plaintiff, defendant, and state's attorney, offense for which indicted by grand jury, and endorsements. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by names of plaintiffs and defendants. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 600 p. 18 x 13 x 3. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

272. DEFAULT RECORD, 1859-1925. 2 v. (1, 2).

Record of default cases showing term date, names of judge, clerk, sheriff, plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, statement of default, and damages. Arr. alph. by name of plaintiff. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 590 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

For subsequent default documents, see entry 260.

273. RECORD OF MASTER IN CHANCERY, 1865-1911. 2 v. Missing:

1883-96. 1912-- in Certificates of Levy, Sale and Redemption on Foreign and County Court Executions, entry 138.

Copies of master-in-chancery bills to foreclose mortgages, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, legal description of property, fee book and page of record, report and certificate of sale, certificate of redemption, date and amount of decree and sale, costs, master's fees, total amount of costs, and remarks. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 488 p. 18 x 12 x 2. 1 v., 1865-82, common vlt., bsmt.; 1 v., 1897-1911, off. vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

274. ORDER OF COURT FIXING BAILIFF FEES, 1931--. 1 v. (1).

Court orders showing date, names of judge, clerk, bailiff, sheriff, and reporter, date, service rendered, amount of compensation, order of court, and date of filing. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of bailiff. Typed on pr. fm. 200 p. 14 x 9 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

For original orders, see entry 267.

#### Transcripts

275. TRANSCRIPTS OF JUDGMENT FROM JUSTICE PEACE COURTS, 1857--.  
14 f.b.

Transcripts of judgments from justice of peace courts, showing names of plaintiff, defendant and justice of peace, date of appearance, docket entries, plaintiff's and defendant's costs, constable's fees, justice costs, filing fee, and total cost. Also contains Appeal from Justices Court, 1857-1883, 1891-1909, 1930--, entry 276. Arr. chron. No index. 10 x 5 x 14. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.





276. APPEAL FROM JUSTICES COURT, 1884-90, 1910-29. 2 f.b.  
1857-83, 1891-1909, 1930-- in Transcript of Judgment from  
Justice Peace Courts, entry 275.

Transcripts of proceedings in cases appealed from justices' courts, showing term date, names of parties, kind of action, case number, action of court, and statement of court costs. Arr. chron. No index. 10 x 5 x 14. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

277. TRANSCRIPTS OF JUDGMENT FROM JUSTICE OF PEACE COURTS, 1857--.  
5 v. (1-5).

Records of foreign judgments, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and justice of the peace, date of summons, by whom served, amounts allowed for service and mileage, plaintiff's and defendant's costs, constable's fee, docket entries, and statement of true bill by foreign officer. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. 1857-1912, hdw.; 1913--, typed. 600 p. 18 x 12 x 2. V. 1, 1857-77, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.; v. 2-5, 1878--, cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

278. TRANSCRIPTS OF JUDGMENTS FROM FOREIGN COUNTIES, 1891--. 1 f.b.  
Transcripts of judgments from foreign counties, showing names of officials of court, plaintiff, and defendant, date, cause of action, amount of judgment, and final actions of court. Arr. chron. No index. 10 x 5 x 14. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

279. TRANSCRIPTS OF JUDGMENTS FROM FOREIGN COUNTIES (Record), 1891--.  
1 v. (1).

Record of judgments from courts outside of county, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, judge, date of summons, date and by whom served, amounts allowed for service and mileage, plaintiff's and defendant's costs, constable's fee, docket entries, statement of true bill by foreign officer, and date of filing. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. 1891-1924, hdw.; 1925--, typed. 600 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

Dockets

280. JUDGES DOCKET, CIRCUIT COURT, 1857--. 50 v. (1-45, 5 not  
numbered). Title varies: Judges' Transfer Docket.

Judges' docket of common law, chancery, and criminal cases, showing general and term numbers, date, names of plaintiff, defendant, and attorneys, type of action, orders previous term, and current orders of court. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 300 p. 18 x 12 x 2. G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

281. CLERKS DOCKET, COMMON LAW, 1914--. 5 v. (1-5). 1858-1913  
in Clerks Docket, entry 284.

Clerk's docket of common law cases, showing term date, case number, names of attorney, plaintiff, and defendant, and record book and page number. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 1000 p. 14 x 12 x 3. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.



282. CLERKS DOCKET, CHANCERY, 1914--. 4 v. (2 not numbered, 2, 3). 1858-1913 in Clerks Docket, entry 284.

Clerk's docket of chancery cases, showing case number, term date, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant, and record book and page number. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 600 p. 14 x 12 x 3. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

283. CLERK'S DOCKET, CRIMINAL, 1914--. 3 v. 1858-1913 in Clerks Docket, entry 284.

Clerk's docket of criminal cases, showing case number, term date, names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant, and record book and page number. Also contains State's Attorney's Docket, entry 290. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 400 p. 14 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

284. CLERKS DOCKET, 1858-1913. 79 v.

Docket of common law, criminal, and chancery cases, showing names of attorneys, plaintiff, and defendant, action, date, and record book and page number. Also contains State's Attorney's Docket, 1888-1913, entry 290. Subsequent to 1913 this docket splits up into Clerks Docket, Chancery, entry 282; Clerks Docket, Common Law, entry 281, and Clerks Docket, Criminal, entry 283. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 100- 350 p. 12 x 9 x  $\frac{1}{2}$  - 16 x 10 x 2. G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

285. GENERAL DOCKET, 1884--. 7 v. (1-7).

Docket of court cases, showing date commenced or entered, case and term numbers, names of attorney, plaintiff, and defendant, court of appeal, action, process and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 650 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

286. JUDGMENT DOCKET, 1857--. 11 v. (1-11).

Judgment docket showing case number, names of parties against whom and in whose favor judgment is entered, amount of judgment, damages and costs, dates of execution and return, record book and page number, and remarks. Also contains Execution Docket, 1880--, entry 287. Arr. alph. by name of person against whom judgment is entered. For index, see entries 257, 258. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 700 p. 18 x 17 x 2. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

287. EXECUTION DOCKET, 1857-79. 2 v. (1, 2). 1880-- in Judgment Docket, entry 286.

Docket of executions entered, showing general number, date of issue, names of plaintiff, defendant, and sheriff, date of judgment and amount of debt, damages and costs. Arr. alph. by name of person against whom judgment is entered. For index, see entries 257, 258. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 634 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

288. MECHANICS' LIEN INDEX (Docket), 1888--. 2 v. (1, 2).

Mechanics' lien docket showing names of persons against whom lien is filed, amount of lien, date and by whom filed, legal description, by whom satisfied, and date. Arr. alph. by name of defendant. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 600 p. 18 x 12 x 3. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.





Circuit Court - Fee Books;  
Reports to the Court

(289-294)

289. TRUSTEES' DOCKET, CIRCUIT COURT, 1926--. 1 v.  
Trustees' docket showing term and general numbers, names of attorneys,  
estate, and trustee, action, date, and record book and page number. Arr.  
chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 200 p. 16 x 14 x 2. Cir. clk.'s  
vlt., 2nd fl.

290. STATE'S ATTORNEY'S DOCKET, 1872-87. 1 v. 1888-1913 in Clerks  
Docket, entry 284; 1914-- in Clerk's Docket, Criminal, entry 283.  
State's attorney's docket showing docket number, dates of information or  
indictment, warrant, and trial, names of court, defendant, and witness,  
nature of case, sheriff's return, amounts of bail, fine, court costs,  
state's attorney's fees paid, and disposition of cause. Arr. chron.  
Indexed alph. by name of defendant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 143 p. 18 x 12 x 1.  
G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

Fee Books

291. FEE BOOKS, 1857--. 54 v. (1-33, 1857-1914; 34-54, 1901--).  
Transcript, common law, criminal and chancery fee books, showing names of  
plaintiff and defendant, case number, dates of term, filing, payment, and  
judgment, judgment docket book and page number, plaintiff's and defendant's  
costs, amounts of bonds, and amount paid. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by  
name of plaintiff; for sep. index, see entries 257, 258. Hdw. under pr.  
hdgs. 580 p. 14 x 9 x 2. V. 1-33, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.; v. 34-54, cir.  
clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

292. ADVANCED FEE BOOK, 1884--. 3 v. (1-3).  
Register of fees received, showing date, case number, book and page of  
entry, names of plaintiff and defendant, and amount received. Arr. chron.  
No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 250 p. 16 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . V. 1, 2, 1884-1924,  
G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.; v. 3, 1925--, cir. clk.'s west off., 2nd fl.

Reports to the Court

293. (REPORTS OF CORONER'S INQUESTS), 1857--. In (County Clerk's  
General File), entry 113.  
Reports to circuit court of coroner's inquests, showing name, age, and  
sex of deceased, date and place of death, physician's affidavits, and  
verdict of jury.

294. MASTER IN CHANCERY TERM REPORT, 1887--. 5 f.b.  
Masters-in-chancery reports showing name of court, term date, amount, from  
whom and date received, amount, to whom, and date paid out, recapitulation,  
and signatures of master, president of bank certifying master, and clerk.  
Arr. chron. No index. 10 x 5 x 14. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.



295. STATE'S ATTORNEY'S AND JAIL REPORTS, 1891--. 1 f.b.  
Term reports submitted by state's attorney, containing itemized statement of all money received, showing from whom received, names of plaintiff and defendant, amount of fines, costs, to whom paid, statement of foreman of grand jury that the jury had visited the county jail, and remarks as to condition of jail and care of prisoners. Arr. chron. No index. 10 x 5 x 14. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

Jury Records  
(See also entries 37, 260, 320, 322, 323)

296. VENIRES FOR GRAND AND PETIT JURIES, 1857--. 3 f.b.  
Venire for jurors, showing time, date and place of summons, names and addresses of jurors, remarks, and signatures of clerk. Arr. chron. No index. 10 x 5 x 14. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

297. JURORS' CERTIFICATES (Register), 1857--. 3 v. (1 not numbered, 1, 2).  
Register of certificates issued in payment for jurors' services, showing term date, certificate number, date, names of jurors, number of days of service and mileage, amounts allowed for attendance and mileage, date of cancellation, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 519 p. 16 x 12 x 2. 1 v. not numbered, v. 1, 1857-1919, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.; v. 2, 1920--, cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

Bonds

298. MISCELLANEOUS BOND RECORD, 1911--. 2 v. (1, 2).  
Copies of bonds in circuit court cases, showing names of principal, clerk, and bondsmen, amount, date and obligations of bond, and acknowledgment. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Typed. 600 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

299. BONDS (Miscellaneous), 1870-1922. 2 f.b.  
Miscellaneous bonds including appeal bonds, bonds for costs, and bonds for appearance in court, showing names of principal and bondsmen, date, and amount of bond. Arr. chron. No index. 10 x 5 x 14. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

Parole

300. PAROLE RECORD OF PENITENTIARIES AND REFORMATORIES, 1897-98.  
1 v. Discontinued.  
Copies of applications for discharge under parole, showing term date, names of judge, state's attorney, clerk, sheriff, and applicant, date of conviction, nature of crime, name of reformatory, dates of parole and final discharge. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of applicant. Hdw. on pr. fm. 599 p. 18 x 12 x 3. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.





Naturalization  
(See also entries 113, 200-204)

301. RECORD OF DECLARATION OF INTENTION OF NATURALIZATION, 1859--.  
5 v. (1, 1-3, 1 not numbered). Title varies: Naturalization  
Record, Intention.

Declarations of intention, showing name of alien, age, occupation, personal description, place and date of birth, address, place of emigration, vessel and route, last foreign residence, marital status, renunciation of allegiance to foreign power, date and place of arrival in the United States, signature of alien, and acknowledgment before circuit clerk. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of alien. Hdw. under pr. fm. 300 - 400 p. 14 x 9 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  - 18 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

302. NATURALIZATION SERVICE PETITION AND RECORD, 1859--. 6 v.  
(1-4, 2 not numbered). Title varies: Naturalization Record  
Final.

Petitions for naturalization, witness affidavits, oaths of allegiance, final certificates of naturalization, and orders of court, showing names of alien, wife, children, witnesses, clerk, and judge, addresses of alien and witnesses, nativity, place of immigration, date of arrival, and renunciation of allegiance to foreign power. Also contains Naturalization Records of Soldiers and Minors, 1894--, entry 303. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of alien. Hdw. on pr. fm. 100 - 424 p. 18 x 12 x 1 - 18 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

303. NATURALIZATION RECORDS OF SOLDIERS AND MINORS, 1866-93. 1 v.

1894-- in Naturalization Service Petition and Record, entry 302. Naturalization petitions, final oaths, and final certificates of soldiers and minors, showing names of alien, judge, sheriff, state's attorney, and clerk, date, attestation by the clerk, oath by alien that petition is true, final oath, renunciation of allegiance to foreign power, statement of satisfaction by the court, and order by the judge granting citizenship. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of alien. Hdw. on pr. fm. 494 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

Office Transactions

Receipts and Expenditures

304. CASH BOOK, 1876--. 11 v. (3 not numbered, 5-12).

Circuit clerk's cash book showing date, case, record book and page number, amount and by whom paid, sheriff's, recorder's, clerk's, and miscellaneous fees, and total. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 200 p. 18 x 14 x 2. 3 v. not numbered, 1876-90, v. 5-9, 1891-1922, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.; v. 10-12, 1923--, cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

305. FEES OF OTHERS, 1934--. 1 v. (1).

Clerk's personal record of receipts and disbursements of fees of others, showing date paid to clerk, case, fee book and page numbers, for whom, amount and date of payment, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 315 p. 18 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Cir. clk.'s west off., 2nd fl.



Court Business

## 306. FOREIGN WITNESS AFFIDAVITS, 1914--. 2 f.b.

Affidavits of foreign witnesses, showing names of witness, defendant, and clerk, number of miles of travel, and days of service, amount claimed, court orders, and date and amount of payment. Arr. chron. No index. 10 x 5 x 14. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

## 307. ATTORNEYS' RECEIPTS, 1866-70. 1 v. Discontinued.

Receipts for files taken out, showing number and title of cause, dates, files taken and returned, and name of attorney. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. Writing illegible, paper poor. 200 p. 18 x 10 x 1. G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

## VII. SHERIFF

The sheriff, by constitutional provision, has been an elected officer of the county electorate since Illinois was admitted to statehood.<sup>1</sup> The term of his office originally set at two years is now four years; bond, in Logan County, is required in the sum of \$10,000. One or more deputy sheriffs are appointed by the sheriff, in accordance with the number allowed by rule of the circuit court.<sup>2</sup>

Essentially without change for over one hundred years, the principal duties of the sheriff are:

1. Acting as conservator of peace, with power to arrest offenders on view.
2. Attending, in person or by deputy, all courts of record (city, county, probate, circuit, and appellate courts) in his county, and obeying the orders and direction of the said courts.
3. Serving, executing, and returning all writs, warrants, processes, orders, and decrees legally directed to him.
4. Selling real or personal property by virtue of execution or other process.

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1. Constitution of 1818, Art. III, sec. 11; Constitution of 1848, Art. VII, sec. 7; Constitution of 1870, Art. X, sec. 8; second amendment November 22, 1880, to the Constitution of 1870, Art. X, sec. 8; also L.1819, p. 110; R.S.1874, p. 989.
  2. Constitution of 1870, Art. X, sec. 9; R.S.1874, p. 990. Compare: R.L.1827, p. 373.





5. Having the custody and care of the courthouse and jail of the county.<sup>1</sup>
6. Sending finger prints of criminals to the state bureau of criminal identification and investigation.<sup>2</sup>

In the course of the sheriff's multiple detailed duties included in these broad provisions, the following records may be kept but do not appear in Logan County:

1. Data of identification, criminal and stolen property.
2. Calendar of commitments to jail.
3. Receipts of delivery of prisoner in changes of venue.
4. Copies of reports to the county court and circuit court.<sup>3</sup>

The following records may be kept and do appear:

1. Docket of executions.
2. "Books of Accounts", including records of fees and disbursements.

#### Process

##### 308. EXECUTIONS, 1920--. 2 f.b.

Executions served showing date, name of defendant, amount of judgment and costs, sheriff's fees, date of filing, and signatures of clerk and attorney. Arr. alph. by name of defendant. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. Sh.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

##### 309. SERVICES, 1924--. 1 f.b.

Executions delivered to sheriff which are served and not paid, and executions not served, showing date, name of defendant, amount of judgment and costs, sheriff's fees, date of filing, and signatures of clerk and attorney. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. Sh.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

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1. L.1819, p. 111,112,160-62,314-17,332,333; L.1821, p. 37,63,64; R.L.1827, p. 247-311,344,372,373; R.L.1829, p. 121; L.1831, p. 103, 104,106; R.L.1833, p. 574,575; L.1839, p. 10,12-14; L.1845, p. 10, 19; R.S.1845, p. 133,134,515-17; R.S.1874, p. 989-91; L.1877, p. 69, 79; L.1881, p. 64,72; L.1901, p. 136; L.1905, p. 146; L.1933, p. 458. The citations include also references to duties not included in the general outline noted above.
  2. L.1931, p. 464.
  3. L.1819, p. 201,317; L.1821, p. 182; R.L.1827, p. 249,273; L.1845, p. 11; R.S.1845, p. 305; R.S.1874, p. 566,991,992,1096; L.1907, p. 316-19; L.1909, p. 301; L.1921, p. 500; L.1923, p. 424; L.1929, p. 649; L.1931, p. 465; L.1933, p. 187-90.



Sheriff - Bonds;  
Jail Records

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310. SHERIFF'S PROCESS DOCKET, 1838--. 14 v. (A-C, 1838-70; A, 1859-60; 2 not labeled, 1-8, 1870--). Missing: 1879-83.  
Docket of process papers served by the sheriff in circuit, county, and justice of the peace courts, showing docket number, names of plaintiff, defendant, plaintiff's attorneys, and sheriff, kind of action, county from which issued, dates of receipt, service, and return, by whom served, sheriff's fees, and remarks. Volume A, 1859-60, for justice of the peace court only. Arr. chron. 1838-78, no index; 1884--, indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. V. A-C, A, writing faded, paper poor. 300 p. 18 x 12 x 2. V. A-C, A, 2 not labeled, 1838-78, common vlt., bsmt.; v. 1-8, 1884--, sh.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

311. SHERIFF'S EXECUTION DOCKET, 1858--. 12 v. (1, 1858-82; 2 not labeled, 1, 1868-98; D, 1871-74; F, 1877-78; 1-6, 1894--).  
Docket of executions served by the sheriff, in justice of the peace, county, and circuit court cases, showing case number, names of plaintiff, defendant, and sheriff, dates of judgment, writ, and return, damages, plaintiff's and defendant's costs, interest, sheriff's fees, and total. Volume 1, 1858-82, has county and circuit court cases only. Arr. chron. 1858-98, no index; 1894--, indexed alph. by name of plaintiff. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 300 p. 18 x 12 x 2. V. 1, 1, 1858-98, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.; 2 v. not labeled, and v. D, F, 1868-78, common vlt., bsmt.; v. 1-6, 1894--, sh.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

Bonds

312. MISCELLANEOUS (Bonds and Certificates), 1914--. 3 f.b.  
Certificates of levy and bonds, showing name of sheriff, court, date, in whose favor and against whom delivered, legal description of property on which levy is made, signature of sheriff, date of filing, and bonds showing names of principal and sureties, date and amount of bond, and expiration date. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. Sh.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

313. (SHERIFF'S PAPERS), 1920--. 1 f.b.  
Levy notices and bonds, summonses, subpoenas, old warrants, lien notices, certificates of levy, and bonds. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. Sh.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

Jail Records

314. (REGISTER OF PRISONERS), 1869--. 3 v.  
Register of prisoners in the county jail, showing date, register number, name, nature of charge for which arrested, court tried before, sentence, discharged or transferred, inventory of possessions on person, criminal record, if any, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. 1869-1909, hdw.; 1910--, hdw. under pr. hdgs. 200 - 500 p. 16 x 9 x 1 - 17 x 15 x 5. 2 v., 1869-1909, sh.'s vlt., 2nd fl.; 1 v., 1910--, sh.'s off., 2nd fl.





Debtors' Schedules

315. DEBTORS' SCHEDULES, 1924--. 1 f.b.

Statement of personal property owned by debtor, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, nature of suit, court in which tried, number of persons in defendant's family, money on hand, and debts due, signatures of defendant and sheriff, and date filed. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 10 x 5 x 14. Sh.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

Fees, Receipts, and Expenditures  
(See also entry 2)

316. SHERIFF'S REGISTER OF FEES, 1920--. 2 v. (1, 2).

Register of fees received by the sheriff, showing date of receipt, title of cause, process and execution docket book and page number, type of service, fees in circuit court and county court, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 155 p. 18 x 12 x 1. Sh.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

317. SHERIFF'S RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES, 1872-74. 1 v.

Receipts and expenditures of sheriff, showing name of sheriff, date, amount and from whom received, title of case, type of service, and miscellaneous costs. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. Binding and paper poor, writing faded. 200 p. 14 x 17 x 1. Common vlt., bsmt.

318. SHERIFF'S DAY BOOK, 1875-78. 1 v. Discontinued.

Daily cash book of sheriff's fees and receipts, showing names of plaintiff, defendant, and sheriff, action, and amount and date received. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 288 p. 13 x 9 x 1. Common vlt., bsmt.

319. SHERIFF'S LEDGER, 1874-77. 1 v. Discontinued.

Daily ledger of fees earned by sheriff, showing names of plaintiff and defendant, amount earned and received, type of service rendered, and date. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. Writing faded, paper poor. 640 p. 14 x 9 x 2. Common vlt., bsmt.

VIII. CORONER

The office of coroner in Illinois counties was originally established by constitutional provision in 1818.<sup>1</sup> The Illinois laws require the coroner to act as a conservator of the peace, with powers equal to the sheriff's

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1. Under the Constitution of 1818, the tenure of office was set for two years; the term was extended under the Constitution of 1870 to four years. Constitution of 1818, Art. III, sec. 11; Constitution of 1870, Art. X, sec. 8.



in that respect, to serve as a ministerial officer of the courts in the absence of disqualification of the sheriff, and to perform all the duties of the latter when the office is vacant.<sup>1</sup> In practice these duties are far less significant than the inquest function, the principal statutory duty of the coroner. Basically, that procedure has hardly changed since a time antecedent to the formation of Logan County; the coroner, when informed of a death resulting or appearing to have resulted from violence or casualty, summons a jury to inquire into the manner of death and its cause.<sup>2</sup>

To the custody of the clerk of the circuit court are returned the verdict of the jury, and such recognizances as may be given the coroner by witnesses whose testimony implicates any person as the unlawful slayer of the deceased.<sup>3</sup> In his own office the coroner files and preserves the record of such testimony.<sup>4</sup> The coroner also keeps one record which he originates, the "inquest record." This record recapitulates all the data involved in the entire inquest procedure and includes an inventory and accounting of the personal property and money of the deceased.<sup>5</sup>

For other coroner's records, see entries 68, 293.

### 320. VERDICT OF JURY, 1884--. 3 f.b.

Verdicts of coroner's juries, showing cause and date of verdict, result of inquest, signatures of jurymen and coroner, and names of deceased and witnesses. Arr. chron. No index. 10 x 5 x 14. 1 f.b., 1884-97, cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.; 1 f.b., 1898-1928, common vlt., bsmt.; 1 f.b., 1929--, cor.'s off., 1st fl.

### 321. CORONER'S SUBPOENA, 1884--. 3 f.b.

Coroner's subpoenas showing names of doctors subpoenaed, for what cause, date of appearance, signature of coroner, and name of deceased. Arr. chron. No index. 10 x 5 x 14. 1 f.b., 1884-97, cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.; 1 f.b., 1898-1928, common vlt., bsmt.; 1 f.b., 1929--, cor.'s off., 1st fl.

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1. L.1819, p. 111,160; L.1821, p. 20-22; L.1825, p. 63,64; R.L.1827, p. 246-50, 372,373,375; R.S.1845, p. 515-17; R.S.1874, p. 281,282. The office is constitutional and elective (Constitution of 1818, Art. III, sec. 11; Constitution of 1870, Art. X, sec. 8) and the term, formerly two years, is now four years (second amendment, November 22, 1880, to Constitution of 1870, Art. X, sec. 8).
  2. L.1821, p. 22-24; R.S.1845, p. 517,518; R.S.1874, p. 282-84; L.1879, p. 82; L.1907, p. 213; L.1919, p. 403; L.1931, p. 388.
  3. L.1821, p. 24,25; R.S.1845, p. 518; R.S.1874, p. 284,285.
  4. L.1821, p. 25; R.S.1845, p. 518; L.1869, p. 109; R.S.1874, p. 285; L.1907, p. 213; L.1919, p. 293.
  5. L.1821, p. 26; L.1850, p. 104; R.S.1874, p. 285,286.





## 322. CORONER'S VENIRE, 1884--. 3 f.b.

Coroner's venire showing names of jurymen, date of appearance, and coroner's signature. Arr. chron. No index. 10 x 5 x 14. 1 f.b., 1884-97, cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.; 1 f.b., 1898-1928, common vlt., bsmt.; 1 f.b., 1929--, cor.'s off., 1st fl.

## 323. CORONER'S RECORD, 1870--. 4 v. (A, 3 not lettered).

Record of coroner's inquests, showing names of coroner, deceased, jurymen, and witnesses, verdict of jury, personal description of deceased, inventory of personal effects, date and disposition of personal property, by whom, and remarks. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of deceased. Hdw. on pr. fm. 350 p. 18 x 12 x 2. 3 v., 1870-1922, common vlt., bsmt.; 1 v., 1923--, cor.'s off., 1st fl.

## IX. STATE'S ATTORNEY

The function of the office of state's attorney was originally performed in Logan County by a circuit attorney.<sup>1</sup> This officer, elected by the General Assembly,<sup>2</sup> attended in Logan County, as in each of the counties of the judicial district, and commenced and prosecuted in courts of record all actions in which the people of the state or of the county were concerned.<sup>3</sup> In 1849, a decade after the formation of Logan County, the state's attorney became an elected officer of the circuit district electorate.<sup>4</sup> At this time his services were expanded to include the newly created county court. Finally, the Constitution of 1870 made the office elective in and for each county for a four-year term.<sup>5</sup> From the creation of the office until the present, the state's attorney has continued to receive his commission by the governor for the tenure of his office.<sup>6</sup> He is compensated at the rate of \$4000 annually, with an additional \$400 paid by the state.<sup>7</sup> Statutory fee rates are allowed the state's attorney for conviction on specified offenses and crimes before justices of the peace, police magistrates, county courts, and circuit courts. Rates are also established for preliminary examination of defendant, for attendance at trials, and for appeals.<sup>8</sup>

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1. L.1819, p. 178-204; L.1825, p. 178,179; R.L.1827, p. 79; R.L.1833, p. 98; L.1835, p. 44; R.S.1845, p. 76.

2. L.1835, p. 44; R.S.1845, p. 76.

3. Ibid 1.

4. Constitution of 1848, Art. V, sec. 21,28.

5. Constitution of 1870, Art. VI, sec. 22; L.1871-72, p. 169; R.S.1874, p. 172.

6. L.1819, p. 204; L.1835, p. 44; Constitution of 1870, Art. VI, sec. 22; L.1871-72, p. 189; R.S.1874, p. 172.

7. L.1871-72, p. 420; L.1873-74, p. 105; L.1909, p. 231; L.1911-12, p. 88; L.1927, p. 526; L.1929, p. 474; L.1933, p. 620; L.1937, p. 188, 606.

8. L.1871-72, p. 420; L.1873-74, p. 105; L.1909, p. 231.



The duties of the state's attorney are:

1. To commence and prosecute all actions, suits, indictments, and prosecutions, civil or criminal, in any court of record in his county in which the people of the state or county may be concerned.
2. To prosecute all forfeited bonds and recognizances and all actions and proceedings for the recovery of debts, revenues, moneys, fines, penalties, and forfeitures accruing to the state or his county, or to any school district in his county; also to prosecute all suits in his county against railroads or transportation companies, which may be prosecuted in the name of the people of the State of Illinois.
3. To commence and prosecute all actions and proceedings brought up by any county officer in his official capacity.
4. To defend all actions and proceedings brought against his county, or against any county or state officer in his official capacity, in his county.
5. To attend the examination of all persons brought before any judge on habeas corpus, when the prosecution is in his county.
6. To attend before justices of the peace and prosecute charges of felony or misdemeanor for which the offender is required to be recognized, and to appear before a court of record when in his power to do so.
7. To give his opinion without fee or reward, to any county officer or to justices of the peace, in his county, upon any question of law relating to any criminal or other matter in which the people of the state or county may be concerned.
8. To assist the attorney general whenever it may be necessary; and in cases of appeal or writ of error, from his county to the supreme court, to which it is the duty of the attorney general to attend, he shall, a reasonable time before the trial of such appeal or writ of error, furnish the attorney general with a brief, showing the nature of the case and the questions involved.
9. To pay all moneys received by him in trust, without delay, to the officer who by law is entitled to the custody thereof.
10. To perform such other and further duties as may from time to time be enjoined on him by law.
11. To appear in all proceedings by collectors of taxes against delinquent taxpayers for the judgment to sell real estate, and see that all the necessary preliminary steps have been legally taken to make the judgment legal and binding.<sup>1</sup>
12. To enforce the collection of all fines, forfeitures, and penalties imposed or incurred in the courts of record in his county; and report on the collection of these moneys to the circuit court.<sup>2</sup>

In Logan County the only records found for this office were: State's Attorney's Docket, circuit court, entry 290, and state's attorney's reports to circuit court, entry 295.

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1. R.S.1845, p. 76; R.S.1874, p. 172.

2. L.1909, p. 342; L.1911-12, p. 88; L.1929, p. 474.





## X. SUPERVISOR OF ASSESSMENTS

The county supervisor of assessments, with the aid of the township assessors in Logan County, is responsible for the assessment of property upon which township, district, county, state, and other taxes are levied. Principally, these officers annually revise the assessment of property, correct the same upon complaint, and quadrennially assess real and personal property. Many statutory provisions have regulated the assessment function in Logan County. Early laws fixed the value of the several categories of real and personal property, leaving to the assessing officer only limited discretion.

When Logan County was created, the assessment of property was made by the county assessor, an appointee of the administrative county commissioners' court.<sup>1</sup> This officer performed the duties of his office for a short period of six years, the county treasurer having become ex-officio county assessor in 1845. The treasurer carried out the duties of this office until 1867.<sup>2</sup> At the latter date, the assessment duties were transferred to the several township assessors upon the election of the township form of county government.<sup>3</sup> The township assessment officers have effected the assessment of property in their respective townships from the time of the adoption of this form of government until the present. Between 1867 and 1893 the elected township assessors received the assessment lists from, and reported their assessments to, the county clerk. From 1893 to 1898 the elected township board of assessors received the forms from and reported their findings to, the county clerk.<sup>4</sup> Finally, in 1898, the legislature created the ex-officio office of supervisor of assessments filled by the county treasurer. From that date until the present, the township assessment officers have worked under the direction of, and reported the assessment of property to, the county treasurer in this ex-officio capacity.<sup>5</sup>

For other taxation records, see entries 39-64, 325-353.

324. RAILROAD SCHEDULES, 1874--. 6 f.b. 1857-73 in (County Clerk's General File), entry 113.

Original lists of railroad property in the county, upon which taxes are paid, showing date, name of railroad, description of property, appraisal, and values. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 114. Early papers frayed, ink faded. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 14. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

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1. L.1839, p. 4.

2. L.1845, p. 5; L.1849, p. 127; L.1853, p. 46.

3. L.1853, p. 16, 18, 24; L.1855, p. 37; L.1871-72, p. 19, 20.

4. L.1893, p. 73, 74.

5. L.1898, p. 37; L.1903, p. 295, 296; L.1923, p. 492; L.1932, p. 68.



## XI. BOARD OF REVIEW

An important aspect of the revenue procedure is the authority for the review of assessments on property. In Logan County, this power is exercised by the board of review. The duties of this board are essentially to assess, equalize, review or revise the assessment of property. Early legislation provided for appeals from assessments to the county administrative body.<sup>1</sup> The board was granted power to review and revise the assessments on real and personal property.

In 1871 the town boards were given jurisdiction to annually revise the assessments in towns. The county board, in accordance with the same legislation, met annually to:

1. Assess omitted property.
2. Review assessments upon complaint.
3. Hear and determine the application of any person assessed on property claimed to be exempt from taxation.
4. Ascertain whether the valuations in one town or district bear just relation to all the towns or districts in the county.<sup>2</sup>

In 1898 this authority was transferred to the newly created board of review.<sup>3</sup> The board of review was composed of the chairman of the county board who was ex-officio chairman of the board of review, the county clerk, and a citizen appointed by the judge.<sup>4</sup> Since 1923 the board has consisted of the chairman of the county board as ex-officio chairman of the board of review, and two citizens appointed by the county judge. The members of the board select their own clerk.<sup>5</sup> The two citizen members of the board are appointed alternately for a two-year term. The board may reduce or increase the entire assessment of property.

For other taxation records, see entries 39-64, 324, 330, 353.

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1. Appeals were made to the county commissioners' court; L.1839, p. 7; L.1843, p. 239; L.1845, p. 8; R.S.1845, p. 441. Then from 1849 to 1867, the appeals were made to the county court. From 1867 to 1898 to the county board of supervisors. L.1849, p. 207,208; L.1871, p. 22.
  2. L.1871, p. 23.
  3. L.1898, p. 54; L.1923, p. 496; L.1932, p. 75.
  4. L.1898, p. 54.
  5. L.1923, p. 496,497.





325. BOARD OF REVIEW, 1899--. 10 f.b.

Original insurance schedules, complaints of property owners, schedules of personal property, summonses to appear before board, tax returns, and other matters requiring decisions and actions of the board. Arr. alph. by name of principal. For index, see entry 114. 10 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

326. BOARD OF REVIEW RECORD, 1899-1931. 5 v. (1-5). Discontinued.

Board of review record showing date of meeting, names of members of board present, reading of minutes of previous meeting, minutes of meeting of board, action, and signature of chairman. Arr. chron. No index. 1899-1922, hdw.; 1923-31, typed. 600 p. 18 x 12 x 4. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

For unbound proceedings of board, see entry 325.

327. BOARD OF REVIEW DOCKET, 1935--. 1 v.

Current board of review complaint docket, showing date, names of township and complainant, case, and book and page numbers, legal description of property, date of hearing, amount of assessment, action taken, final equalized valuation as fixed by the board of review, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 300 p. 12 x 16 x 2. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

For docket of closed cases, see entry 328.

328. COMPLAINT DOCKET, 1899--. 3 v. (1-3).

Board of review complaint docket of closed cases, showing date, complaint number, name of complainant, and town in which the property is assessed, legal description of property described, value as fixed by assessor, value as alleged by complainant, alleged cause of complaint, and findings and orders of board of review. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 146 p. 17 x 14 x 1. G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

For docket of open cases, see entry 327.

329. TAX OBJECTIONS, 1915--. 1 f.b.

Original affidavits of publications, special oil tax objections, and objections to application for judgment, briefs for city, and subpoenas. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 114. 10 x 5 x 14. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

## XII. COUNTY COLLECTOR

Tax collections in Logan County were originally made by an appointee of the county commissioners' court (the county administrative body).<sup>1</sup> This provision lasted only for a four-year period, for in 1843 the sheriff became ex-officio county collector.<sup>2</sup> The sheriff retained this ex-officio

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1. L.1839, p. 7.

2. L.1843, p. 234; R.S.1845, p. 8; L.1853, p. 99.



function of his office until 1867. With the acceptance of the township form of government in that year the county treasurer became ex-officio collector of taxes.<sup>1</sup> Under this plan, town collectors elected in each township, were required to make collection of resident property taxes and deliver their books to the county collector, who returned the books to the county clerk.<sup>2</sup> The county collector, in turn, was charged with the collection of the non-resident property taxes.<sup>3</sup> The provision for the return of the collectors' books to the county clerk was changed in 1871 when the legislature provided for the county collector to annually make a sworn statement to the county clerk, showing the total amount collected by him from each kind of tax, the amount received from each town collector, and the amount collected by himself.<sup>4</sup>

In 1917 the office of town collector was abolished in counties of the size of Logan and the county collector became ex-officio town collector for each of the townships in his county. As town collector, the county collector is required to perform all the duties assigned to town collectors under existing statutory requirements.<sup>5</sup>

The collector annually prepares a delinquent property list and files the same with the county clerk. He also advertises his intention of applying for judgment for sale of delinquent lands and lots and is required to attend in person or by deputy all tax sales resulting therefrom. The county clerk, in person or by deputy, is also required to attend all tax sales. At such tax sales the clerk and collector note and make entry of all tax sales and forfeitures to the state.

To recapitulate, under statutory provisions the county collector collects taxes for the state, county and other governmental agencies; settles annually with the county board, and pays to the proper authorities the amount in his hands payable to them; and attends all tax sales in person or by deputy.<sup>6</sup>

The county collector is required by statute to keep his records as collector of taxes separate from his records as county treasurer.<sup>7</sup> The records of the collector's office include duplicates of receipts issued

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1. L.1853, p. 14.
  2. L.1855, p. 37.
  3. L.1853, p. 69,70.
  4. L.1871-72, p. 56,57; L.1881, p. 181.
  5. L.1917, p. 792; L.1925, p. 605; L.1929, p. 774; L.1931, p. 905; L.1933, p. 1115.
  6. L.1819, p. 317; R.L.1827, p. 373; L.1839, p. 8-12; L.1840, p. 3; L.1845, p. 9,11; L.1853, p. 66,77,111; L.1871-72, p. 32; L.1873-74, p. 51; L.1911, p. 485; L.1917, p. 664; L.1919, p. 765; L.1930, sp. sess., p. 59; L.1931, p. 747; L.1933, p. 930; R.L.1935, p. 1149.
  7. L.1917, p. 664; L.1930, sp. sess., p. 59; R.S.1935, p. 1149.





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to taxpayers, state auditor's and county clerk's certificates of the collector's settlement with them, duplicates of the collector's reports, delinquent property records, and tax sale and forfeiture records.

For other taxation records, see entries 39-64, 324-329.

Assessments, Objections

330. ABSTRACTS OF ASSESSMENTS, 1909--. 5 v.

Statement of assessments of property in county, showing date, taxes levied thereon, description of property, land, lots, and personal property assessed, total assessed value, total value as fixed by state board of review, and tax spread. Arr. chron. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 100 p. 18 x 4 x 1. 2 v., 1909-25, co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.; 2 v., 1926-34, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.; 1 v., 1935--., treas.'s off., 1st fl.

331. COURT ORDERS AND RAILROAD PAPERS, 1932--. 1 f.b.

Railroad tax objections, statements of personal property tax, and net payments under protest, showing date, names of railroads, cause of objection, list of personal property, legal description of lands, and amount paid under protest. Arr. chron. No index. 10 x 5 x 14. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

332. RECORD OF TAX OBJECTIONS DEPOSITED WITH COUNTY COLLECTOR, 1933--. 1 v.

Record of deposits made in tax objection cases, showing date, names of persons objecting and party to whom payable, tax spread, amount of objection, amount deposited, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 30 p. 12 x 17 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

333. (DUPLICATE TAX BILLS), 1935--. 80 bdl.

Duplicates of real estate and personal property tax statements, showing number, year, township, owner's name and address, page and line numbers, assessed valuation, school district number, amounts of tax, interest, collector's costs, total, and date paid. Arr. chron. No index. 12 x 8 x 1. Treas.'s off., 1st fl.

Collection and Settlement

334. COUNTY COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNTS WITH TOWNS, 1867--. 7 v. (A-G).

Accounts and settlements with towns, showing names of county collectors, and townships, amount of taxes collected, date, total, and amount paid. state treasurer, supervisor, and county treasurer. Also contains Transfers (County Collector's Statement of Accounts with Towns), 1867-1933, entry 335. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 600 p. 18 x 12 x 3. V. A, 1867-76, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.; v. B-G, 1877--., treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.



335. TRANSFERS (County Collector's Statement of Accounts with Towns), 1934--. 1 v. 1867-1933 in County Collector's Accounts with Towns, entry 334.

County collector's statements of funds transferred from town to county accounts by partial settlement, showing names of county collectors and township or village, date, amounts charged and credited at each settlement period, and total amount credited. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 300 p. 16 x 18 x 3. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

336. COLLECTOR'S CASH BOOK, 1872--. 16 v. (3 not numbered, 1872-1922; 1-3, 1886-1902; 3-12, 1883--).

Cash book showing name of taxpayer, amount paid, and amount and date of bank deposits. Also contains statement of collections prior to 1934. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 150 p. 14 x 9 x 1. 3 v. not numbered, 1872-1922; v. 3-12, 1883--, treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.; v. 1-3, 1886-1902, common vlt., bsmt.

337. DAILY STATEMENT OF COLLECTOR'S COLLECTION, 1934--. 10 f.b.

Daily statements of collections and deposits, showing amount collected and deposited, date, and names of collectors and banks. Arr. chron. No index. 5 x 4 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 14. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

338. DAILY STATEMENT OF COLLECTOR'S COLLECTION (Record of), 1934--. 1 v. Collector's daily record of collections and deposits, showing names of taxpayers, township or village, amounts collected and deposited, date, tax spread, and names of collectors and banks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 200 p. 20 x 30 x 1. Treas.'s off., 1st fl.

For prior records, see entry 336.

339. ABSTRACT OF TAXES, 1897--. 2 v. (B, C).

Abstract of taxes collected, showing name of township, amount of taxes collected on lands, lots, and personal property, total assessed value, tax spread, and total tax; also contains abstract of footings of collector's books. Lands and lots arr. by sec., twp., and range; personal property arr. alph. by name of owner. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 75 p. 13 x 17 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

340. COUNTY COLLECTOR'S RECEIPTS, 1920--. 4 f.b. 1857-1919 in (County Clerk's General File), entry 113.

Cancelled vouchers of county collector's and special collector's fees, showing name of collector, date and number of vouchers, amount, and signatures of treasurer and collector. Arr. chron. No index. 10 x 5 x 14. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

341. TOWN COLLECTORS' ACCOUNT, 1867-1925. 6 v. (A-F). Discontinued. Town collectors' accounts with county collector, showing names of collector and township, amount of taxes collected, delinquent taxes, errors not collected, collector's commission, and total. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 235 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

342. COLLECTOR'S ACCOUNT COUNTY FUND, 1874-1919. 2 v. Discontinued. Collector's account with county fund, showing name of county collector, date, items of debits, total debits, items of credits, total credits, and date. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 232 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.





Delinquent Tax, Abatements

343. FORFEITURES AND ERRORS, 1873--. 4 v. (1 not numbered, 1-3).

Missing: 1880-81. Title varies: Correction of Back Taxes.

Statements of errors in assessment and of forfeiture of collector's fees, showing names of county clerk and collector, nature of error, legal description, valuation, total tax due, tax spread, total collected, interest, and costs. Also contains Abstract of Omitted Taxes and Distribution of Same, 1921--, entry 346. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 150 p., 17 x 15 x 1 - 18 x 12 x 1. 1 v., 1873-79, G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.; v. 1-3, 1882--, treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

344. PERSONAL PROPERTY ABATEMENT LIST, 1887--. 3 v. (1-3).

List of taxes not collected for which collector claims credit, showing names of owner, county collector, county clerk and township, value, tax spread, total tax, cause of delinquency, and date and amount paid. Arr. by sec., twp., and range. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 156 p. 18 x 12 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

345. FORFEITURES AND ABATEMENTS, 1933--. 1 v.

Tax forfeitures and abatements showing in whose name assessed, legal description, valuation, tax spread, total tax due, date paid, cost, interest, penalty on forfeited tax, total tax collected, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 500 p. 20 x 24 x 3. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

346. ABSTRACT OF OMITTED TAXES AND DISTRIBUTION OF SAME, 1899-1920.

1 v. 1921-- in Forfeitures and Errors, entry 343.

Abstracts and distribution of omitted taxes, showing names of township and collector, assessed value of property, tax spread and total to be paid collector, amount of omitted tax, interest, total amount of abatements and collections, collector's commission, balance due, date of payments, and signature of collector. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 200 p. 17 x 14 x 2. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

347. LIST OF BACK TAXES (Personal Tax), 1909-10. 1 v. Discontinued.

List of delinquent personal property taxes, showing in whose name assessed, city or village in which located, assessed value, tax spread, total amount due, and date and amount paid. Arr. by sec., twp., and range. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 75 p. 18 x 16 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

348. COLLECTORS DELINQUENT LIST, SPECIAL, CITY OF LINCOLN, 1905-11.

1 v. Discontinued.

List of delinquent special assessment taxes, showing names of collectors, and owners, date, legal description, roll and payment numbers, amount of tax, unpaid interest, and amount paid. Arr. by sec., twp., and range. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 150 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

Special Assessments

349. SPECIAL ASSESSMENT TAX LIST, 1906--. 2 v. (A, 1). Missing: 1928-30.

List of special assessments, showing owners' names, legal description, tax levied, tax spread, total credits, balance due, and installment period. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 300 p. 18 x 14 x 2. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.



350. LAKE FORK DRAINAGE DISTRICT, 1898--. 3 f.b. Cancelled vouchers, statements of bank accounts, delinquent tax reports, tax lists for various years, and amounts of taxes collected. Arr. chron. No index. 10 x 5 x 14. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

351. SPECIAL DRAINAGE RECORD, 1927--. 2 v. (1,3). List of taxes assessed on special drainage districts, showing date, names of districts and owners, legal description, amounts levied, and tax spread. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 633 p. 18 x 12 x  $3\frac{1}{2}$ . Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

352. LOWER SALT CREEK DRAINAGE DISTRICT DELINQUENT LIST, 1931--. 6 v. List of delinquent taxes, showing tract number, name of owner, legal description of property, benefits, installments, and interest due. Arr. by sec., twp., and range. No index. Typed under pr. hdgs. 25 p. 18 x 15 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

353. BROADWELL SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT, 1908-33. 1 f.b. Tax lists and treasurer's statements showing amounts assessed and collected, date and by whom paid, legal description of property, and date and place of deposit. Arr. chron. No index. 10 x 5 x 14. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

### XIII. COUNTY TREASURER

The county treasurer in Logan County has been elected by the county electorate from the formation of county to the present.<sup>1</sup> This office, originally established under statutory provision, is now a constitutional office under the Constitution of 1870. The treasurer receives his commission from the governor with a tenure of office of four years.<sup>2</sup> The penal sum of his bond and the security are determined by the county board of supervisors.<sup>3</sup> Upon request of the treasurer, the board designates the bank in which the public funds are to be deposited.

In the performance of his duties, the county treasurer receives the county revenue, keeps custody of its funds, and disburses them in accordance with orders of the county board of supervisors or specific authoriza-

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1. R.L.1837, p. 49,274; L.1845, p. 28; R.S.1845, p. 137; L.1851, p. 144; Constitution of 1870, Art. X, sec. 8.
  2. Office was made elective with four-year term, R.L.1837, p. 274; term was reduced to two years, L.1845, p. 28; office was made constitutional without change of term, Constitution of 1870, Art. X, sec. 8; term lengthened to four years, second amendment (ratified November 22, 1880) to the Constitution of 1870, Art. X, sec. 8.
  3. L.1819, p. 318; R.L.1827, p. 329; R.S.1874, p. 323. The bond is required to be filed in the office of the county clerk.





tion of law. He is required to keep books of accounts of all funds received and disbursed by him, maintain a register of county orders countersigned and paid, report annually to the county board on the financial transaction of his office, and settle his accounts with the board semi-annually.<sup>1</sup> The last two requirements give rise to a number of segregated records of accounts beyond strict statutory requirements. In addition, reports are made to the treasurer by other county, district, and public and somipublic authorities in the process of transacting business with him; and, finally, a large number of records arise from the requirements for collectors of taxes to settle their accounts with the treasurer.<sup>2</sup>

## Receipts and Disbursements

354. TREASURER'S CASH BOOK (Journal), 1867--. 3 v. (A, B, 1 not lettered).

Treasurer's cash book account of county funds, showing name of treasurer, date and from whom money received, on what account, amount and date, amount and to whom paid, on what account, and total. Also contains County Treasurer's Register of Highway Funds Received, 1867-1931, entry 365. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. V. A, B, writing faded, paper poor. 470 p. 16 x 10 x 2. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

355. LEDGER, 1928--. 2 v. 1886-1927 in Treasurer's Fee Book, entry 385.

Ledger of moneys received, including fees from estates, motor fuel tax allotments, and drainage tax, showing date, from what source, and amount received. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 50 p. 12 x 8 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

356. TRIAL BALANCE, 1928--. 3 v. (1-3).

Balance of all accounts, showing general, dog, sanitarium, mothers' pension, institute, trust, unclaimed fees, inheritance tax, non-high-school, and Lake Fork drainage funds, collector's account, bonds and interests; accounts of the original balance, and the new balance. Arr. alph. by names of funds. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 50 p. 12 x 9 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

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1. L.1819, p. 318; R.L.1837, p. 582,583; L.1843, p. 151; R.S.1845, p. 136,138,139; L.1861, p. 239,240; R.S.1874, p. 323,324.

2. L.1819, p. 317; L.1821, p. 183; R.L.1827, p. 333; L.1839, p. 8-10; L.1845, p. 11; L.1885, p. 142-47; L.1895, p. 304; L.1913, p. 516; L.1933, p. 898.



357. BIRTH AND DEATH RECORD (Accounts), 1902-6. 2 v. (1, 2).

Discontinued.

Birth and death account record, showing treasurer's accounts with town, city and village, names of clerks, coroners, physicians, midwives, parents, and householders reporting births and deaths, order number, number of births or deaths reported, amount, date paid, names and addresses of persons reporting and forwarding, and by whom received. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 235 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

For county clerk's accounts of births and deaths, see entry 107.

358. DISCOUNT REGISTER, 1871-82. 1 v. Discontinued.

Discount register showing dates note payable, discounted, due and paid, number of note, names of principal and sureties, where payable, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. Writing faded, paper poor. 183 p. 18 x 12 x 1. G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

Special Accounts

School (See also entries 383, 386-388)

359. INSTITUTE PAPERS, 1908--. 1 f.b.

Reports of teachers' institute fund, showing amount received for examinations, renewals of membership, registration fee, from whom received, and date. Arr. chron. No index. 10 x 5 x 14. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

360. INSTITUTE FUND RECORD, 1884--. 2 v. (1, 2).

Fees received from teachers for examination and registration, showing names of county treasurer and superintendent of schools, names and addresses of teachers, amounts of examination and registration fees, total, and date. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 320 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

361. NON-HIGH-SCHOOL PAPERS, 1918--. 1 f.b.

Cancelled bank vouchers, bank statements, superintendent's warrants against the county treasurer, and non-high-school orders, showing to whom issued, amount, and date of cancellation. Arr. chron. No index. 10 x 5 x 14. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

362. NON-HIGH-SCHOOL ACCOUNT BOOK, 1918--. 1 v. (1).

Account of non-high-school receipts and expenditures, showing date and amount of tax levy, receipts, and expenditures, total sum of both items, and balance on hand. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 300 p. 18 x 12 x 1½. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

Probate

363. TRUST FUND PAPERS, 1898--. 1 f.b.

Decrees confirming reports of declarations, orders directing administrators and executors to pay shares to county treasurer, and letters of guardianship, showing date, names of treasurer, estate, guardians, and executors, amounts and dates received. Arr. chron. No index. 10 x 5 x 14. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.





364. TRUST FUND RECORD, 1891--. 1 v. (1).

Trust fund record showing names of master in chancery, estate, sureties, and executor, amount of bond, obligations, and amounts treasurer received for payment; also contains records of heirship funds, and minors and unknown heirs funds. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. 205 p. 16 x 10 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

Highway (See also entries 5, 15, 35, 423-426)

365. COUNTY TREASURER'S REGISTER OF HIGHWAY FUNDS RECEIVED, 1932--.

2 v. 1867-1931 in Treasurer's Cash Book, entry 354.

Register of highway funds received, showing date, receipt number, source of receipts, and totals. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 200 p. 9 x 16 x 1. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

366. COUNTY MOTOR FUEL TAX ALLOTMENT RECORD, 1932--. 1 v.

Allotment of motor fuel tax, showing estimate of cost, numbers of route and section to which allotted, amounts requested by resolution of county board, date, receipt and claim numbers, to whom allotted, amounts received and disbursed, and balance available. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 75 p. 10 x 12 x 1. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

Dog License (See also entry 383)

367. DOG LICENSE FUND, 1920--. 2 f.b.

Warrants in payment for sheep and animals killed by dogs, showing name of claimant, number of animals killed, date, and amount paid. Arr. chron. No index. 10 x 5 x 14. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

368. DOG LICENSE FUND RECORD, 1920--. 1 v. (1).

Record of dog license taxes collected, showing date, from whom received, title of officer, township from which received, total, date, and to whom paid; also showing witness fees, number of sheep killed or damaged, and total claims paid. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 60 p. 16 x 10 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

County Officers

369. LIST OF UNCLAIMED FEES FROM COUNTY AND CIRCUIT COURTS, 1893-1928.  
1 f.b.

List of unclaimed fees from county and circuit courts, showing names of persons to whom due, for what service due, number of cause, and amount unclaimed. Arr. chron. No index. 5 x 5 x 14. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

370. RECORD OF UNCLAIMED FEES OF COUNTY OFFICERS, 1893--. 1 v.  
Last entry 1928.

Record of unclaimed fees of county officers, showing fee book and page numbers, names of claimant, clerk, and payer, amount, date received, and remarks. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of payee. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 143 p. 16 x 10 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.



Pension and Relief (See also  
entries 18-21, 199, 383)

371. MOTHERS' AND BLIND PENSIONS, 1932--. 1 f.b.  
Accounts of mothers' and blind pensions, showing names of pensioners and dependent children, dates and amounts paid, and total for quarter. Arr. chron. No index. 10 x 5 x 14. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

372. COUNTY HOME RECORD (of Funds), 1881-83, 1933--. 2 v. (1 not numbered, E). 1884-1932 in Supervisors Record, entry 2.  
Record of funds received by county home, showing amount received, by whom and to whom paid, date, and on what account. Arr. chron. 1881-83, indexed alph. by name of creditor; 1933--, no index. Hdw. 125 - 405 p. 14 x 9 x  $\frac{1}{2}$  - 13 x 8 x  $1\frac{1}{2}$ . 1881-83, common vlt., bsmt.; 1933--, treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

373. LOGAN COUNTY HOME COMMITTEE RECORD OF INMATES, 1933--. 1 v.  
Report of fees received for inmates, showing names of pauper, township, and supervisor, dates entered and discharged, reason for discharge, and date and amounts due and paid. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 125 p. 12 x 9 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

374. ILLINOIS EMERGENCY RELIEF RECEIPTS, 1936-38. 1 f.b.  
Receipts from the supervisors to the treasurer for moneys expended by the Illinois Emergency Relief Commission, showing amount, date, to whom issued, and purpose of payment. Arr. chron. No index. 5 x  $4\frac{1}{2}$  x 14. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

Drainage (See also  
entries 30, 486, 487)

375. TREASURER'S SPECIAL DRAINAGE DISTRICT, 1927--. 3 v. (1-3).  
Treasurer's account books for special drainage districts, showing names of treasurer and drainage districts, date, from whom received, and to whom paid, on what account, order number, and total amounts received and paid. Arr. chron. Indexed by no. of drainage district. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 200 p. 15 x 11 x 2. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

Inheritance Tax (See also  
entries 248-251, 383)

376. INHERITANCE TAX PAPERS, 1927--. 2 f.b. 1857-1926 in (County Clerk's General File), entry 113.  
Orders fixing taxes where there is no appraiser, inheritance tax receipts by county treasurer, and treasurer's reports, showing names of estate, heirs, and treasurer, date, and amount paid. Arr. chron. No index. 10 x 5 x 14. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

377. INHERITANCE TAX RECORD, 1919--. 2 v. (1,2).  
Inheritance tax collection record showing names of estate and heirs, amount of tax paid by each heir and received by county clerk, collector's commission, and amount sent to state treasurer. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of estate. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 200 p. 16 x 11 x 1. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.





County Treasurer - County  
Orders; Reports; Receipts,  
Checks, and Bank Statements

County Orders  
(See also entries 7-17, 382)

378. STATEMENT OF ORDERS PAID BY COUNTY TREASURER, 1857--. 8 v.  
(1 not labeled, A-D, 1-3). Title varies: Register of County  
Orders, Countersigned; Logan County Order Book.

Statement of orders paid, showing number, amount and date of order,  
to whom and for what purpose issued, total, treasurer's number and date  
of payment. Also contains Register of (Bounty) Orders, 1857-91, entry  
380, and County Highway Warrant Record, 1857-1931, entry 379. Arr. chron.  
No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 200 - 300 p. 16 x 10 x  $1\frac{1}{2}$  - 16 x 18 x 2.  
Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

379. COUNTY HIGHWAY WARRANT RECORD, 1932--. 2 v. 1857-1931 in  
Statement of Orders Paid by County Treasurer, entry 378.

Copies of county highway warrants, showing date, warrant and plain num-  
bers, to whom and for what purpose issued, total warrants issued, and  
date of cancellation by bank. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr.  
hdgs. 200 p. 14 x 10 x 1. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

380. REGISTER OF (Bounty) ORDERS, 1892--. 1 v. Last entry 1902.  
1857-91 in Statement of Orders Paid by County Treasurer,  
entry 378.

Bounty orders issued for English sparrows killed, showing date, order  
number, to whom issued, amount, number of sparrows, date and place  
killed, and date of cancellation. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under  
pr. hdgs. 175 p. 12 x 9 x 1. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

Reports

381. EXAMINER'S REPORT, 1910--. 1 f.b.

Auditor's report of treasurer's books, showing names of auditor and  
treasurer, date of report, total of accounts, cash on hand, money loaned  
out, and amount of delinquent taxes. Arr. chron. No index. 5 x 5 x 14.  
Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

382. TREASURER'S MONTHLY REPORT TO COUNTY CLERK, 1927--. 1 f.b.

Lists of cancelled county orders and jury certificates, showing names  
of persons to whom paid, treasurer, and county clerk, amount, date, and  
purpose. Arr. chron. No index. 10 x 5 x 14. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

Receipts, Checks, and Bank Statements

383. BANK STATEMENTS, 1930--. 14 f.b.

Bank statements of inheritance tax, miscellaneous, dog, general, sani-  
tarium, state aid, mothers' pension, institute, collectors', and trust  
funds, showing date, deposits, withdrawals, and balance for each fund.  
Arr. chron. No index. 5 x  $4\frac{1}{2}$  x 14. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.



384. (CLERK'S ORDERS TO PAY), 1934--. 7 v.

County clerk's receipt stubs and orders to pay, showing number, date, from whom received, amount, to whom and for what paid, and name of county clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 400 p. 12 x 8 x 1. Treas.'s off., 1st fl.

#### Fees

385. TREASURER'S FEE BOOK, 1886--. 1 v. (1).

Record of costs and fees received and paid out, showing date, from whom received, to whom paid, and total fees received and paid out. Also serves as Ledger, 1886-1927, entry 355. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 230 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Treas.'s vlt., 1st fl.

#### XIV. COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

The county superintendent of schools is a statutory officer, elected for a term of four years.<sup>1</sup> In Logan County, the superintendent's office serves as the central administrative agency for the schools of the county. One or more of the several congressional townships comprise the several school districts.<sup>2</sup> Within these administrative units are elected boards of three trustees who have executive and financial responsibilities which come under the supervision of the county superintendent. These boards of trustees report annually to the county superintendent on the condition of the schools in their respective districts; and their bonds are filed with the superintendent. The boards appoint their own treasurers who also act as clerks of the township (or school district) boards.<sup>3</sup>

The superintendent makes quarterly and annual reports to the county board of supervisors and also reports to the state superintendent of public instruction, the state department of public health, the state fire marshal, and the state architect. His original duties are:

1. Selling township fund lands and issuing certificates therefore.
2. Examining the complete accounts of every township treasurer in his county and reporting irregularities of the township trustees.
3. Conducting a teachers' institute, holding quarterly examinations for teachers' certificates, and issuing such.

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1. L.1872, p. 702; L.1909, p. 342; L.1915, p. 628; L.1923, p. 596.

Term formerly ran two years. R.S.1845, p. 497.

2. R.S.1845, p. 503; L.1847, p. 126; L.1929, p. 745.

3. L.1927, p. 843; L.1929, p. 745.





4. Holding examinations for normal and university scholarships.
5. Visiting the public schools in the county, observing methods of instruction, making recommendations to teachers, advising school officers; observing sanitary and safety conditions, notifying trustees and state authorities of unsatisfactory conditions; inspecting plans and specifications, and approving those meeting state regulations.<sup>1</sup>

The office of county school commissioner, an appointee of the county commissioners' court, was established in the beginning of Logan County.<sup>2</sup> The principal duties of this officer centered around the sale of school lands. His reports to the county commissioners' court (county board), of the sale of school lands were recorded in the said court in a well-bound book kept for that purpose.<sup>3</sup> He also reported to this governing body of his other transactions, and on the school fund.<sup>4</sup>

In 1845 six years after the formation of Logan County, the office of county superintendent of schools was created as an ex-officio office of the county school commissioner. Then in 1847 another change was made, the school commissioner became an elected officer with a tenure of office of two years.<sup>5</sup>

In 1872 the office of county superintendent of schools was established as an independent office and had delegated to it the authority formerly vested in the county school commissioner.<sup>6</sup>

A noteworthy undertaking of the county superintendent of schools is the annual teachers' institute. A teachers' institute to assist school teachers in the county in methods of instruction, was first organized in Logan County in July of 1862 by the school commissioner. At this early date, there was a lack of interest and a small attendance. The enterprise was abandoned until 1867. In March of the latter year, the then county superintendent of schools directed a five-day session of the institute which was attended by seventy-eight teachers. Another session was held in October of the same year which resulted in establishing the Logan County Teachers' Institute as a permanent institution of the county. The institute met regularly each year thereafter. The county superintendent of schools was made ex-officio chairman. The beginning of this institute in Logan County

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1. R.S.1845, p. 498; L.1847, p. 122; L.1849, p. 156; L.1909, p. 343-52; L.1915, p. 635.
  2. R.L.1829, p. 150,151.
  3. R.L.1829, p. 152,153.
  4. L.1831, p. 175.
  5. L.1845, p. 54; L.1847, p. 120.
  6. L.1871-72, p. 702; L.1909, p. 342; L.1923, p. 596.



ante-dated the pioneer legislation of 1869, which provided that school directors were to allow the school teachers to attend teachers' institutes in their county without loss of time or pay.<sup>1</sup> Twenty years after the original legislative enactment of 1869, by legislative provision, the county superintendent of schools was required to hold the teachers' institute annually.<sup>2</sup> A fund was set up for this purpose which has continued to be made up of the fees received from applicants for teachers' certificates and from teachers' registration.<sup>3</sup> The fund is paid out only on the order of the superintendent to defray the expenses of the annual institute. When the fund exceeds the annual cost, it may be paid out for special meetings of teachers.

The institute is held for not less than three days in each year, for the instruction of teachers and those who desire to teach. It is an educational gathering, a demonstration of methods of instruction, or visitation of schools, approved by the superintendent and declared by him an institute day. With the concurrence of the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the county superintendent employs the necessary assistance to conduct the institute.<sup>4</sup>

The superintendent of schools is required to keep the following records in the performance of his several duties; books denoted as A, B, and C, containing respectively petitions for the sale of school lands, records of sales of such, and accounts of all moneys received and paid out; files of township treasurers' bonds and trustees' reports to him; files of poll books and returns of school district elections; maps of school district boundaries; registers of certificates granted and teachers employed in the county.<sup>5</sup> Also the superintendent received copies of statements of local school boards to the state treasurer on moneys retained for the Illinois State Teachers' Pension and Retirement Fund.<sup>6</sup> The statement shows: name and monthly salary of each teacher; number of months of school taught by each teacher in the public schools of the district, village or city under the jurisdiction of the local board; the number of months constituting a school year in the school district, village or city; total salary of each teacher; and the total number of years each teacher has taught.<sup>7</sup> On the basis of these data, the county superintendent of schools annually prepared a report showing an itemized account of the statements.<sup>8</sup> In addition he is required to make annual reports to the state superintendent of schools on such matters as the latter may designate, quarterly reports to

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1. L.1869, p. 394; L.1887, p. 297; L.1889, p. 312; L.1909, p. 342,

2. L.1889, p. 312.

3. L.1869, p. 312; L.1905, p. 386; L.1909, p. 342; L.1931, p. 876.

4. L.1931, p. 876.

5. R.S.1845, p. 496; L.1847, p. 121; L.1849, p. 155; L.1853, p. 55; L.1889, p. 265; L.1909, p. 349,350; L.1919, p. 387.

6. L.1915, p. 649; L.1919, p. 706.

7. L.1915, p. 649.

8. Ibid.





County Superintendent of  
Schools - Accounts of School Funds;  
Sale of School Lands

The county board on his visits to schools, and annual reports to the county board of supervisors on the receipts and expenditures of his office. The said county board of supervisors designates the bank in which the school funds are to be deposited and is in charge of the audit of the itemized bills of the superintendent. The board examines, approves, or rejects any of the mentioned reports of the superintendent.<sup>1</sup> Copies of the superintendent's reports are sometimes found among his records, along with vouchers, special statements concerning the institute and other segregated funds, and similar current papers.<sup>2</sup>

All the records of this office are kept in the vault of the superintendent of schools on the first floor, unless otherwise indicated.

Accounts of School Funds  
(See also entries 359-362)

386. RECORD BOOK STATE SCHOOL FUND, 1898--. 2 v.

State school fund record showing date, balance on hand, state school fund orders received, payments of claims of state aid for schools, amount paid to each treasurer, total amount paid, check on township and district numbers, grand total, and latest balance. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of twp. Hdw. 287 p. 14 x 9 x  $1\frac{1}{2}$ .

387. COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT'S RECORD OF DISTRIBUTIVE FUND, 1916--. 1 v.

Distributive fund record showing name of county treasurer, township, range, and district numbers, amount of claims for state aid, average attendance, date, amount of monthly distribution, total paid treasurer, and total for year. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of twp. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 200 p. 11 x 16 x  $1\frac{1}{2}$ .

388. RECORD BOOK OF MONEY LOANED BY SCHOOL BOARD, 1840-67. 2 v.

Discontinued.

Accounts of money loaned by school board, showing to whom issued, date and amount, rate of interest, date due, description of security, date note paid, and remarks. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. Writing faded, paper poor. 100 p. 12 x 8 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Sale of School Lands

389. (SALES OF SCHOOL LANDS), 1857--. In Supervisors' Record, entry 2.

Record of sales of lands set aside for school purposes, showing name of purchaser, legal description of and, consideration, and date of sale.

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1. L.1915, p. 629.

2. R.S.1845, p. 500,501; L.1847, p. 122; L.1849, p. 156; L.1885, p. 57; L.1871-72, p. 705; L.1889, p. 265,325; L.1909, p. 347,350.



390. SCHOOL PLAT AND RECORD BOOK OF THE SALE OF SECTION 16

(School Commissioners' Record), 1839-55. 1 v. Discontinued.  
Copies of petitions to sell school lands, showing names of petitioners, date acknowledged, plat with sections divided into forty and eighty acre tracts, tract number, sale price, and date of recording. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. Writing faded, paper poor. 100 p. 12 x 8 x  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

School District Proceedings  
(See also entry 29)

391. APPEALS FROM TRUSTEES, 1899--. 1 f.b.

Proceedings of county superintendent to detach territory of school districts, petition for transfer of territory, minutes of meetings of trustees of schools of Logan and Sangamon Counties, notice of appeal, and report of justice of peace to superintendent. Arr. chron. No index.  $4\frac{1}{2}$  x  $4\frac{1}{2}$  x 14.

392. NON-HIGH-SCHOOL DISTRICT RECORD, 1917--. 1 v.

Proceedings of non-high-school ex-officio board, and non-high-school board of education, rules and regulations of non-high-school districts, records of members and pupils, non-high-school district tax levy, financial accounts, and county treasurer's annual statement. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 200 p. 16 x 11 x 1.

393. TRANSCRIPTS OF ORGANIZATION, 1919--. 1 v.

Transcripts of organization of community high schools, showing proceedings of organization, locations, and officers elected. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 283 p.  $13\frac{1}{2}$  x  $8\frac{1}{2}$  x 1.

394. PETITIONS NON-HIGH-SCHOOL DISTRICT BOUNDARY CHANGES, 1920-24.

1 f.b. Discontinued.

Record of annexation of territory to township high school districts, containing notices of public hearing, decisions of supreme court, and petitions for transfer of territory to community high school district. Arr. chron. No index.  $4\frac{1}{2}$  x  $4\frac{1}{2}$  x 14.

Teachers' Records

395. TEACHERS' PERMANENT RECORD, 1891--. 6 v. (2 not lettered, A-D).

Teachers' permanent record showing name, age, and address, how certificate was issued, subjects and credits, schools attended, date, application number, professional credits, where employed, and salary paid. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of teacher. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 400 p. 10 x 16 x  $1\frac{1}{2}$ .

396. LOGAN COUNTY TEACHERS' RECORD, 1892--. 1 v.

Teachers' credit record showing application number, name and address, education, teaching experience, subjects taken and grades acquired, date of issue and renewal of certificate, and annual attendance at institute, teachers' meetings, and reading circle meetings. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of teacher. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 450 p. 17 x 10 x 3.





397. RECORD OF LOGAN COUNTY TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION, 1902--. 2 v.  
Teachers' association records showing date of meeting, names of officers  
serving on board, reports of committees on program, and business trans-  
actions. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 247 p. 14 x 9 x 1.

398. PROGRAM OF TEACHERS' INSTITUTE, 1905--. 1 f.b.  
Programs showing date of institute, time of day, type of program, and names  
of officers of institute. Arr. chron. No index. 9 x 5 x 14.

399. READING CIRCLE, 1906--. 2 f.b.  
Reports of local manager of the reading circle to the county superintendent,  
showing names of manager and teachers, attendance during meetings, and  
division of circle. Arr. chron. No index. 10 x 5 x 14.

400. INSTITUTIONAL CREDITS, 1914--. 1 f.b.  
Teachers' institutional credit reports showing teacher's name, schools  
attended, dates, year of graduation, degree, subjects taken, grades re-  
ceived, and class of certificate applied for. Arr. alph. by name of  
teacher. No index. 11 x 13 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 16.

401. FORM "B" REGISTRATION (Teachers'), 1914--. 3 f.b.  
Application for annual registration of teachers' certificates, showing  
name, age, address, and birthplace of teacher, names of high schools and  
colleges attended, number of years taught in Illinois and in other states,  
contributions to teachers' pension fund, school taught and salary received  
the preceding year, last registration of certificate, grade of certifi-  
cate, and credit report. Arr. alph. by name of teacher. No index.  
11 x 13 x 16.

402. CIRCULAR LETTERS, TEACHERS, 1911--. 1 f.b.  
Copies of circular letters sent to all teachers of Logan County, showing  
news and progress of all schools in county and special news of interest  
to teachers. Arr. chron. No index. 10 x 5 x 14.

#### Pupil Records

403. NON-HIGH-SCHOOL RESIDENCE (Attendance Record), 1917--. 2 f.b.  
Reports of attendance, statements of expenses, claims for tuition, and  
permits to transfer, showing names and addresses of pupils and schools  
concerned, statement of inconvenience, date, permission by superintendent  
to transfer from one school to another, and amount of tuition to be paid  
by student or school from which he came. Arr. chron. No index.  
9 x 5 x 14.

404. RECORD OF EIGHTH GRADE GRADUATES FROM RURAL SCHOOLS, 1888--.  
17 v.  
Lists of eighth grade graduates, showing date of graduation, names of  
graduates, and school. Arr. chron. Indexed alph. by name of graduate.  
Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 298 p. 13 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 18 $\frac{1}{2}$  x 1.



County Superintendent of  
Schools - School Officers;  
Reports; School Elections

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School Officers  
(See also entries 410, 411)

405. TOWNSHIP TREASURER BONDS, 1896--. 2 f.b.  
School treasurers' bonds showing township and range numbers, name of treasurer, address, amount of bond, names of bondsmen, date of filing, and signature of superintendent of schools. Arr. chron. No index.  $4\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2} \times 14$ .

406. CIRCULAR LETTERS TO SCHOOL OFFICERS, 1909--. 1 f.b.  
Copies of circular letters sent to officers of each district, containing important news and instructions for officers. Arr. chron. No index.  $10 \times 5 \times 14$ .

Reports

407. TRUSTEES' REPORTS, 1860--. 57 bdl.  
Annual statement of school superintendent and trustees, showing date, township and range numbers, receipts, expenditures, funds due from closed banks and defaulting treasurers, and district, distributive, and loanable funds. Arr. chron. No index.  $18 \times 12 \times 1 - 14 \times 8 \times 1$ .

408. ANNUAL STATEMENT OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF COMMON SCHOOL, 1860--.  
57 v.  
Copies of trustees' annual statements, showing date, township, and range numbers, receipts, expenditures, funds due from closed banks and defaulting treasurers, and district, distributive, and loanable funds. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 200 p.  $14 \times 8 \times 1$ .

409. REPORT OF FINES "OLD", 1898-1906. 1 f.b. Discontinued.  
Reports to superintendents of schools of fines collected, and money paid out by state's attorney, showing from whom received, amount, date, statement of expenditures, and balance. Arr. chron. No index.  $4\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2} \times 14$ .

School Elections  
(See also entry 393)

410. (ELECTION PAPERS OF SCHOOL BOARDS), 1895--. 24 f.b.  
Missing: 1904-12.  
Township poll books, superintendent's list of school officers, poll books and tally sheets of elections, treasurer's statement of township school funds, school treasurers' bonds, and abstract of books and accounts of township treasurer. Arr. by twp., and range. No index.  $4\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2} \times 14$ .

411. VOTING ON COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOLS OF LOGAN COUNTY, 1919--. 1 f.b.  
Affidavits of posting notices of elections, orders directing that elections be held and designating officers to direct same, and transcripts of records, showing proceedings in organizing community schools. Arr. chron. No index.  $10 \times 5 \times 14$ .





Maps

(See also entries 109-112)

412. SCHOOL DISTRICT MAP OF LOGAN COUNTY, no date. 1 map.

Map showing outline boundaries of county school districts for purpose of determining eligibility of pupils according to location of home. Printed. 20 x 22. Lincoln, Illinois: Lincoln Courier Herald, publisher. Co. clk.'s west off., 2nd fl.

Receipts and Expenditures

413. LEDGER OF COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, 1840--. 4 v.

Ledger of receipts and disbursements, showing date, amount and from whom received, to whom and for what purpose paid, name of superintendent, and balance. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 303 p. 13 x 8 x 1.

XV. COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT OF HIGHWAYS

The office of county superintendent of highways was first established in Logan County in 1913 in accordance with the legislation of that year.<sup>1</sup> Prior to this date, the township boards of highway commissioners performed essentially those duties since delegated to the authority of the county superintendent of highways. The township boards have continued in existence, but their powers are principally subordinated to those of the county superintendent of highways.

The superintendent is appointed by the county board of supervisors. The board submits a list of three to five candidates to the (state) department of public works and buildings. This department examines the candidates to determine the person best fitted for the office.<sup>2</sup> The successful candidate holds office for six years and is remunerated in a sum fixed by the county board.

The powers and duties of the county superintendent of highways come under the rules and regulations of the department of public works and buildings. He is, however, subject, upon hearing, to removal by the county

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1. L.1913, p. 524.

2. Between the years 1913 and 1921 the list of prospective candidates was required to be submitted to the state highway commission. L.1913, p. 524; L.1921, p. 781; L.1933, p. 960.



board. The superintendent is required, also, to perform such duties as may be prescribed under the direction of the (state) chief highway engineer.<sup>1</sup> The said superintendent exercises supervision over township, county and state-aid roads, bridges, and culverts in his county.

His principal duties are:

1. Preparing plans, specifications, and estimates for all bridges to be built by the county.
2. Supervising the construction and maintenance of county roads and bridges, and state-aid roads.
3. Inspecting the highways and bridges in each town or district of his county at least once a year.
4. Advising and directing the highway commissioners in each town or district as to the best methods of repair, maintenance, and improvement of highways and bridges.
5. Approving any purchase in excess of \$200 for materials, machinery, or apparatus to be used in road construction in any town or district.<sup>2</sup>

He is required to keep the following records;

1. Records of contracts, purchases, and expenditures authorized by himself, the county board, or township commissions.
2. Maps, plats, blueprints, specifications, etc., arising in his supervision of roads and bridges, or the planning of new construction.
3. Accounts of the funds handled by his office.
4. Reports from other officers or bodies touching the affairs of his office; copies of his own reports on the administration of his office; related papers.<sup>3</sup>

#### Commissioners' Records

414. HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S RECORD, 1913-24. 3 v. Missing: 1919, 1920. 1857-1912, 1925-- in Supervisors' Record, entry 2.

Highway commissioners' record showing names of township, and clerk, roll call, list of bills and amounts allowed, and attested by clerk. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 150 p. 14 x 9 x 1. Common vlt., bsmt.

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1. L.1921, p. 781; L.1933, p. 960.
  2. L.1913, p. 523-26.
  3. L.1913, p. 525, 526.





415. TOWN ROAD RECORD, 1884-1906. 1 v. Subsequent records kept by township clerks.

Town road record showing where road begins and ends, section, township and range, date of filing, release of damages, order laying out road, names of petitioners, amount of damages, and names of road commissioners. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 363 p. 14 x 9 x 1. G.A.R. vlt., 1st fl.

Construction and Maintenance Records  
(See also entries 24, 26, 35)

416. TOWNSHIP FILES, 1929--. 1 f.b.

Miscellaneous papers pertaining to township roads, such as reports on tests of sample aggregates, bills for hauling gravel, gravel reports and invoices, maintenance and cost distribution, invoices, purchase orders, proposals for contracts, contracts, specifications, notices, correspondence, and blueprints. Arr. alph. by name of twp. No index. 10 x 14 x 28. South off. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

417. STATE AID ROUTES IN LOGAN COUNTY, CONTRACTS, 1932--. 1 f.b.

Papers in construction and maintenance of state-aid routes, such as contracts, notices to contractors, specifications, proposals, contract bonds, invoices, payrolls, bills, requisitions, purchase orders, dedication and maintenance and cost distribution. Arr. by route no. No index. 10 x 14 x 28. South off. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

418. W.P.A. FILES, 1935--. 1 f.b.

Works Progress Administration road project files, containing copies of correspondence, certification of sponsors' contributions, approval of different projects, work schedules and analysis of labor, requisitions for purchase, project proposals, reports on liquidations of sponsors' pledges, and accident and physicians' reports. Arr. chron. No index. 10 x 15 x 28. South off. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

419. STATE BOND ISSUE ROUTES AND COUNTY MOTOR FUEL TAX ROADS, 1937--. 1 f.b.

Miscellaneous papers including contracts, notices to contractors, petitions, proposals, specifications, contract bonds, invoices, blueprints, bills, dedications, requisitions, purchase orders, reports on tests, correspondence, and reports of cost and maintenance distribution. Arr. by route no. No index. 10 x 14 x 28. South off. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

For prior records, see entry 416.

420. ROUTE 119A AND 119E, AND ROUTE 100 CORNLAND TO MT. FULASKI, 1933--. 1 f.b.

Miscellaneous papers pertaining to these highways, including contracts, notices to contractors, petitions, proposals, specifications, contract bonds, invoices, blueprints, bills, requisitions, purchase orders, reports on tests, dedications of right of way, correspondence, and cost and maintenance distribution. No arr. No index. 10 x 14 x 28. South off. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.



421. CARDS OF MEN NOT WORKING, AND WORKING ON FEDERAL AID WORK,  
1932-34. 1 f.b. Discontinued.

Cards for men working and not working on federal aid work, showing date, name, number, address, occupation, number of dependents and their relationship and ages, worker's classification, number of hours worked, approval of employment committee, reason for discharge, whether ex-service man or not, and name of contractor. Arr. alph. by name of worker. No index.  
5 x 14 x 28. South off. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

422. PROPOSALS, CONTRACTS, AND SPECIFICATIONS FOR BRIDGE WORK, 1918.  
1 v.

Record of proposals, contracts, and specifications, showing names of superintendent of highways, supervisors, and contractors, construction specifications for bidders, copy of contract, date, when to be completed, locations of bridges or roads, and amount of contract. Arr. chron. No index.  
Typed on pr. fm. 50 p. 11 x 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  x  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Common vlt., bsmt.

Allotments and Claims  
(See also entries 5, 9, 15)

423. COUNTY MOTOR FUEL TAX ALLOTMENTS, REQUESTS FOR FUNDS, CERTIFICATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS, RECEIPTS FROM TREASURER, AND GASOLINE AND OIL BILLS, 1929--. 1 f.b.

Miscellaneous papers including certifications and transfers, resolutions for motor fuel tax, gasoline refunds from state, motor fuel tax allotments to counties, requests for motor tax funds, auditor's reports, receipts from county treasurer, state-aid road claims paid, gravel invoices, motor fuel tax highway claims paid, road and bridge claims, and treasurer's monthly report on motor fuel tax and state-aid funds. No arr. No index.  
10 x 14 x 28. South off. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

424. MOTOR FUEL TAX ALLOTMENT RECORD, 1931--. 2 v.

Allotment record of motor fuel tax, showing year of allotment, amount and date appropriated by resolution of county board, receipt and claim numbers, explanation, amount received and disbursed, and balance available. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 160 p. 10 x 13 x 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ . South off. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

425. CLAIMS PAID, PURCHASING ORDERS, REQUISITIONS, AND QUARTERLY REPORTS, 1932--. 1 f.b.

Miscellaneous papers, including motor fuel tax and state-aid claims paid, purchasing orders, requisitions, invoices, and quarterly reports. No arr. No index. 10 x 14 x 28. South off. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

426. CLAIM REGISTER (Highway), 1932--. 1 v. 1857-1931 in Register of County Orders, entry 7.

Register of highway claims allowed, showing date and number of claim, purchase order and requisition, name and address of claimant, reason for claim, patrol number, maintenance section, and total amount of claims as spread to administration, engineering contract construction, day labor construction, maintenance, machinery and equipment purchases, land and buildings, materials, stores and supplies, equipment operation, and garage service. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. and typed under pr. hdgs.  
200 p. 12 x 18 x 13. South off. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.





### Reports

427. FINAL PAPERS, 1931--. 1 f.b.

Final papers in state-aid road matters, showing letters of acceptance of roads, reports of materials, and inspection on city and county work, engineer's final payment estimate, final inspection report, affidavits by contractor claiming all expenses have been paid, weekly reports of resident engineers, reports of materials used on roads, report of tests on samples of aggregates, contractor's proposals, specifications, contracts, and contract bonds. Arr. chron. No index. 10 x 14 x 28. South off. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

428. MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR DAILY REPORT, 1932--. 2 f.b. Title varies: Highway Patrolmen Daily Report Cards.

Highway maintenance and supervisor's daily reports showing date, kind of work done, number of hours worked, name of road worked on, total hours worked, weather conditions, remarks, and signature of patrolman. Arr. chron. No index. 5 x 14 x 28. South off. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

### Surveys

429. FIELD BOOKS, no date. 1 f.b.

Note books containing field notes on condition of roads. File box locked. No index. 10 x 14 x 28. South off. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

### Engineering Plans

430. COURTHOUSE SQUARE RESURFACING, February 1931.. 4 plans.

Plans showing area, length, width, elevation, cross sections, details of special or unusual construction, material specifications, and indication how and where materials are to be put or laid to make finished surface. Author, Caldwell Engineering Company. Blueprint. 1 in. to 40 ft., horizontal; 1 in. to 1 ft., vertical. 10 x 30, 48 x 72. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

431. PROPOSED EXTENSIONS OF WATER MAINS, LINCOLN, ILLINOIS, March, 1932. 14 plans.

Plans showing lengths, diameters, and kind of pipe to be used, proposed additions and connections with existing system, profiles of surface and subsoil grades and contours, area and cross section drawings to indicate relative positions and special details of construction, type of joints, and method of caulking and general specifications of all materials. Blueprint. 1 in. to 800 ft. 14 x 36. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

432. LOGAN STREET PAVEMENT, January 1926. 4 plans.

Plans showing length, width, elevation, cross sections, details of special or unusual construction, material specifications, and indication of how and when materials are to be placed to make finished surface. Author, E. J. Tobin. Published in Lincoln, Illinois. Blueprint. 1 in. to 20 ft., vertical; 1 in. to 400 ft., horizontal. 30 x 72. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.



433. KEOKUK STREET PAVEMENT, LINCOLN, ILLINOIS, February 1926. 1 plan. Profile map showing contours of grades for pavement and relative positions and depths of water mains; also cross sections showing detail of typical construction phases and material specifications. Author, E. J. Tobin. Published in Lincoln, Illinois. Hand-drawn. 1 in. to 20 ft., vertical; 1 in. to 40 ft., horizontal. 22 x 44. Vlt. of supt. of hwy., 2nd fl.

434. NORTH KICKAPOO STREET SEWER EXTENSION, February 1926. 1 plan. Plan showing position of present and new sewer, with dimensions, materials, and construction requirements. Author, E. J. Tobin. Published in Lincoln, Illinois. Blueprint. 1 in. to 20 ft., vertical; 1 in. to 400 ft. horizontal. 24 x 72. Vlt. of supt. of hwy., 2nd fl.

435. UNION STREET PAVEMENT, February 1926. 2 plans. Plans showing profiles, areas and detailed cross sections, material specifications, and conventional and special types of construction to be followed. Author, E. J. Tobin. Lincoln, Illinois: city engineer, publisher. Blueprint. 1 in. to 400 ft., horizontal; 1 in. to 20 ft., vertical. 24 x 28. Vlt. of supt. of hwy., 2nd fl.

436. ALLEY PAVEMENT, February 1926. 3 plans. Plans showing detail cross section drawings of approved construction methods to be followed and materials to be used on alley paving jobs. Author, R. R. Lacy. Published in Lincoln, Illinois. Blueprint. 24 x 18. Vlt. of supt. of hwy., 2nd fl.

437. PROPOSED SEWER FROM 9TH AND COLLEGE STREETS TO 10TH AND COLLEGE STREETS, July 1925. 1 plan. Drawing showing profile and cross section details of proposed sewer, with specifications for materials and nature of construction desired for information and guidance of prospective bidders. Author, E. J. Tobin. Published in Lincoln, Illinois. Hand-drawn. 1 in. to 25 ft., vertical; 1 in. to 100 ft., horizontal. 24 x 36. Vlt. of supt. of hwy., 2nd fl.

438. BROADWAY STREET IMPROVEMENT LINCOLN, ILLINOIS, August 1924. 2 plans. Plans showing size, scope and location of street improvement, specifying types and quantities of materials, and construction methods and equipment to be used by contractor, in order to secure approval of finished job. Author, E. J. Tobin. Published in Lincoln, Illinois. Blueprint. 1 in. to 100 ft. 18 x 36. Vlt. of supt. of hwy., 2nd fl.

439. REPAIR WORK ON CITY SEWER AND DITCH, 1920. 2 plans. Plans for repairs, showing location of work, dimensions, and nature of repairs, detail drawings of exact methods of making repairs, and specifications of materials to be used. Author, C. E. Kreiling. Published in Havana, Illinois. Blueprint. 1 in. to 200 ft. 18 x 36. Vlt. of supt. of hwy., 2nd fl.

440. PARK PLACE PAVEMENT, July 1919. 1 plan. Plans for street pavement, showing length, width, elevation, cross sections, details of special and unusual construction, material specifications, and how and where materials are to be placed to make finished surface. Author, E. J. Tobin. Published in Lincoln, Illinois. Blueprint. 1 in. to 1 ft. 12 x 36. Vlt. of supt. of hwy., 2nd fl.





441. 17TH STREET PAVEMENT, no date. 2 plans.

Plans for street pavement, showing length, width, elevation, cross sections, details of special or unusual construction, materials, specifications, and indication of how and where materials are to be placed to make finished surface. Author, E. J. Tobin. Lincoln, Illinois: city engineer, publisher. Blueprint. 1 in. to 20 ft., vertical; 1 in. to 400 ft., horizontal. 24 x 72. Vlt. of supt. of hwy., 2nd fl.

442. PAVING IMPROVEMENTS, VINE AND BROAD STREETS, ATLANTA, ILLINOIS, July 1925. 9 plans.

Plans for street improvements, with area and cross section details, showing location and nature of desired improvements, materials, and type of construction to be used in completing work. Author, E. J. Tobin. Published in Lincoln, Illinois. Blueprint. 1 in. to 40 ft. 24 x 72, 24 x 144. Vlt. of supt. of hwy., 2nd fl.

443. WATER MAIN EXTENSIONS, NEW HOLLAND, ILLINOIS, March 1923, 2 plans.

Drawings for proposed water main extensions, showing dimensions, kinds of pipe and other materials, type of construction, locations of new work and connection with existing system; also detailed drawings of method of making joints, and relation of water system to surroundings. Author, E. J. Tobin. Published in Lincoln, Illinois. Hand-drawn. 1 in. to 100 ft. 24 x 48. Vlt. of supt. of hwy., 2nd fl.

444. PRIMM ROAD DRAIN TILE NORTH OF TACHENMEYER HILL, 1927. 1 plan.

Road plan showing contours of road drain, length, depth, grades, elevations, and materials to be used. Author, county surveyor. Published in Lincoln, Illinois. Hand-drawn. 22 x 36. Vlt. of supt. of hwy., 2nd fl.

445. CENTRAL POINT ROAD AND BRIDGE, no date. 1 plan.

Road and bridge plan showing length of road, width, profile, typical cross sections, contours, bridge supports and approaches, special and general types of construction practice to be followed, and material specifications. Author, county surveyor. Published in Lincoln, Illinois. Hand-drawn. 22 x 100. Vlt. of supt. of hwy., 2nd fl.

446. PROPOSED TILE DRAIN FOR CENTRAL POINT ROAD, no date. 1 plan.

Plan showing profile and typical cross sections of drain, general and special construction methods to be followed, and material specifications for information and guidance of bidders on proposed job. Hand-drawn. 22 x 36. Vlt. of supt. of hwy., 2nd fl.

447. EAST DITCH OF CENTRAL POINT ROAD FROM DEER CREEK NORTH, no date. 1 plan.

Drawing of ditch, showing length, width, depth, grades, profile and typical cross section contours, area, nature of soil, location as related to adjacent terrain, bridges, buildings, and landmarks. Author, county surveyor. Published in Lincoln, Illinois. Hand-drawn. 22 x 152. Vlt. of supt. of hwy., 2nd fl.



448. NORTH BEASON ROAD DRAIN TILE, no date. 1 plan.  
Road plan showing contours, length, depth, grades, elevations, and materials to be used. Lincoln, Illinois: county surveyor, publisher. Hand-drawn. 22 x 72. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

449. SOUTH BEASON ROAD FILL AT DEER CREEK, no date. 1 plan.  
Plan of road fill, showing profile and cross sections, length, width, depth, elevation, grade, amount of settling required, and nature of material used for fill, and its location and relation to rest of road. Lincoln, Illinois: county surveyor, publisher. Hand-drawn. 22 x 44. Off. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

450. SOUTH BEASON ROAD, no date. 1 plan.  
Construction drawing of a portion of South Beason road near J. W. Gardner farm, showing profile, cross sections, material specifications, and construction details for installation of drain tiling. Lincoln, Illinois: county surveyor, publisher. Hand-drawn. 22 x 100. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

451. LAKE FORK ROAD NORTH OF BRIDGE, no date. 1 plan.  
Road construction drawing showing typical cross sections with dimensions, and subsoil conditions and marginal contours of bridge approaches. Lincoln, Illinois: county surveyor, publisher. Hand-drawn. 22 x 44. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

452. PROFILE AND CROSS SECTIONS, no date. 3 plans.  
Profile and cross section drawings showing material specifications and construction detail of two roads. Lincoln, Illinois: county surveyor, publisher. Hand-drawn. 22 x 312. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

453. ROAD DRAIN TILE WEST OF LATHAM, ILLINOIS, no date. 1 plan.  
Profile drawing of road drain, showing contours, length, depth, grades, elevations, and materials to be used. Lincoln, Illinois: county surveyor, publisher. Hand-drawn. 22 x 216. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

454. GRADE CROSSING OF THE CHICAGO AND ALTON RAILROAD AT BROADWELL, ILLINOIS, no date. 1 plan.  
Plan of railroad crossings, showing profile and cross section, contours and dimensions, area, elevation, and position as related to adjacent streets and buildings. Lincoln, Illinois: county surveyor, publisher. Hand-drawn. 16 x 27. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

455. CHICAGO AND ALTON RAILROAD GRADE CROSSINGS AT BROADWELL, ILLINOIS, April 1921. 1 plan.  
Perspective drawing showing all buildings, streets and crossing tracks along railroad right of way, and kinds and sizes of planking used on crossings. Author, E. J. Tobin. Published in Lincoln, Illinois. Hand-drawn. 1 in. to 100 ft. 9 x 18. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.





456. LINCOLN SAND AND GRAVEL COMPANY FILL FOR TRACK, October 1928.  
1 plan.

Drawing showing typical cross section of fill with all dimensions, nature of soil, and type and amount of filling material to be used. Lincoln, Illinois: county surveyor, publisher. Hand-drawn. 22 x 44. Off. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

457. GUTTER BOX, MANHOLE AND INLET DETAILS, February 1926. 2 plans.  
Plans showing approved materials, and construction practice to be followed on all installations of this type. Author, R. R. Lacy. Published in Lincoln, Illinois. Blueprint. 24 x 36. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

458. BRICK PAVEMENT SECTIONS, February 1926. 4 plans.  
Cross section plans showing correct dimensions, and material specifications of approved types of brick paving. Authors, R. R. Lacy and E. J. Tobin. Published in Lincoln, Illinois. Blueprint. 24 x 36, 24 x 48. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

459. RETURNS FOR STREETS AND ALLEYS OF VARIOUS WIDTHS, no date.  
1 plan.  
Drawing showing approved methods of grading to control water flow from alleys into streets of various widths, sometimes referred to as the "wings." Author, county surveyor. Published in Lincoln, Illinois. Hand-drawn. 22 x 30. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

460. RETAINING WALL FOR CULVERT, May 1931. 1 plan.  
Plan of culvert retaining wall, showing length, width, elevation and cross section, material specifications, general type of construction to be followed; also copies of two bids attached. Author, E. J. Tobin. Published in Lincoln, Illinois. Hand-drawn. 1 in. to 3 ft. 14 x 20. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

#### Maps

461. LOGAN COUNTY HIGHWAYS, April 1934. 2 maps.  
Physical maps showing date surveyed, county, township lines, township gravel, earth, state-aid gravel, and state bond issue roads completed, with conventional symbols and markings to indicate the various distinctions. Printed and colored. 1 in. to  $\frac{1}{4}$  mi., 1 in. to 1 mi. 76 x 78, 39 x 34. Off. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

462. FEDERAL AID AND STATE BOND ISSUE ROADS, December 1930.  
1 chart.  
Framed chart showing pavement contracts awarded, work done, pavement completed, heavy grading contracts awarded, heavy grading and narrow pavement completed, using conventional symbols and markings to indicate the various distinctions. Washington, D.C.; Bureau of Design, publisher. Blueprint. 32 x 48. Off. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

463. LINCOLN SAND AND GRAVEL COMPANY PITS, September 1928. 2 maps.  
Profile maps showing area, depth of excavation, and amounts of dirt, sand and gravel removed. Lincoln, Illinois: county surveyor, publisher. Hand-drawn. 22 x 36. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.



464. ROAD, no date. 1 map.  
Profile map showing contours of an unidentified road. Lincoln, Illinois: county surveyor, publisher. Hand-drawn. 22 x 36. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

#### Correspondence

465. SPECIFICATIONS, GENERAL LETTER FILES, AND HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT CIRCULARS, 1923--. 1 f.b.

All correspondence with superintendent of highways from supply companies, workers, and state departments, showing name of superintendent, date, name and address of correspondent, and nature of correspondence. Arr. alph. by name of correspondent. No index. 10 x 14 x 28. South off. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

#### XVI. COUNTY SURVEYOR

The county surveyor is required by law to make all surveys within the bounds of his county that he may be called upon to make by application. Such surveys include surveys of additions or subdivisions, and marking of county lines. Few changes have been made in the original statutory requirements for the duties of this office.

The surveyor was an elective officer of the county electorate in Logan County from the organization of this county in 1839 until 1936. Since September of the later year, the surveyor has served as an appointee of the county board of supervisors.<sup>1</sup> The term of his appointment is for a four-year period.

He is required to keep a record of surveys made by him, preserve his field notes, and retain copies of plats in certain cases and his originals thereof in others. From a quantitative point of view, the best representation of his work is in the hands of the recorder, whose certification of maps and plats gives them legal recognition, and whose custody of them is required by law.<sup>2</sup>

For recorder's plat books, see entries 153-155.

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1. L.1837, p. 558; R.S.1874, p. 455,1050; L.1903, p. 349; L.1933, p. 1104.
  2. L.1821, p. 634; R.L.1829, p. 173; R.L.1833, p. 582,599,600; L.1845, p. 201; R.S.1874, p. 1050; L.1915, p. 575; L.1935, p. 2416.





## Records

466. SURVEYOR'S RECORDS, 1839---. 4 v. (A, B, 1, C).

Record of surveys made by county surveyor, showing sections, townships, ranges, location of cornerstones, witness trees, landmarks, statements of surveyor, dates of survey, and name of surveyor. Arr. by sec., twp., and range. No index. Hdw. 600 p. 18 x 12 x 2. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

## Reports

467. SURVEYOR'S DAILY COST REPORT, 1920---. 1 v. Last entry 1922.

Copies of surveyor's daily cost reports, showing section and route numbers, weather and road conditions, teams, skilled and common labor working, date, hours worked, and total cost on excavations and embankments, maintenance, miscellaneous hauling, graveling, concrete, repairs, and on special work. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. on pr. fm. 700 p. 18 x 22 x 5. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

## Maps, Plats, and Plans

Public Surveys

468. RE-SUBDIVISION OF CEMETERY, ATLANTA, ILLINOIS, May 1920. 1 plat. Cemetery plat showing locations and new boundaries, lots, grave spaces, vaults, drives, walks and shrubbery. Author, E. J. Tobin. Published in Lincoln, Illinois. Hand-drawn. 1 in. to 1 ft. 20 x 36. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

469. ADDITION TO LAWNDALE CEMETERY, September 1927. 1 plat. Plat of area added to cemetery for guidance of lot purchasers, showing outlines, cemetery lots, drives, and relation to older part. Author, R. R. Lacy. Published in Lincoln, Illinois. Hand-drawn. 20 x 27. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

470. BUSINESS SECTION OF CITY OF LINCOLN, ILLINOIS, March 1928. 3 plats. Plats showing site of all business houses and their proper location as related to legal descriptions and surveyor's markers. Author, E. J. Tobin. Published in Lincoln, Illinois. Hand-drawn. 1 in. to 100 ft. 24 x 48. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

471. CITY OF LINCOLN, 1914. 1 plat. Framed plat showing all streets and lots of city, with location of special buildings. Author, Lynn R. Parker. Hand-drawn and colored. 1 in. to 300 ft. 36 x 40. Co. clk.'s west off., 2nd fl.

472. LINCOLN STATE SCHOOL AND COLONY FARM, no date. 3 plats. Plats showing the boundary lines, creeks, roadways, position of buildings, length, width, elevations, and total acres of area. Author, E. J. Tobin. Published in Lincoln, Illinois. Hand-drawn. 1 in. to 660 ft. 18 x 36. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.



473. SECTION 13, TWP 19 NORTH, ROW 3, WEST OF 3RD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, October 1927. 1 plat.

Plat showing state farm lands in northwest part of city, with legal description and relation to surrounding area. Author, R. R. Lacy. Published in Lincoln, Illinois. Hand-drawn. 1 in. to 1000 ft. 10 x 12. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

474. SECTIONS 25, 36, TWP. 18, ROW 2 WEST, September 1921. 1 plat.

Plat showing legal description of designated sections of land and position of area with relation to adjacent property, roads, schools, churches, and other landmarks. Author, E. J. Tobin. Published in Lincoln, Illinois. Hand-drawn.  $8\frac{1}{2}$  x  $11\frac{1}{2}$ . Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

475. SECTIONS 6 and 7, TWP. 19, NORTH RANGE 1, EAST OF 3RD PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN, May 1920. 1 plat.

Plat showing legal description and relation of land to adjoining terrain. Author, E. J. Tobin. Published in Lincoln, Illinois. Hand-drawn. 1 in. to 40 ft. 18 x 32. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

476. PART OF BLOCK THIRTEEN OF WYATT'S ADDITION TO LINCOLN, ILLINOIS, January 1920. 1 plan.

Plan showing the part of block taken up to install new electric conduit and manhole. Author, E. J. Tobin. Published in Lincoln, Illinois. Blueprint. 1 in. to 40 ft. 14 x 20. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

#### Private Surveys

477. ROXANA PETROLEUM CORPORATION (Service Station, Lincoln, Illinois), July 1936. 1 plan.

Plan for site of service station, showing position of drive, pumps, pipes, electric conduits and underground storage tanks in relation to each other and to adjoining streets and property. Author, E. J. Tobin. Published in Lincoln, Illinois. Hand-drawn. 1 in. to 20 ft. 18 x 18. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

478. PROPERTY OF STANDARD OIL COMPANY, October 1928. 2 plans.

Drawings showing all the underground pipes, valves, property lines, position of buildings, drive, storage tanks, railroad siding, and unloading stand pipes. Author, E. J. Tobin. Published in Lincoln, Illinois. Hand-drawn. 1 in. to 20 ft. 17 x 20, 12 x 17. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

479. JOHN ENGLAND HEIRS ESTATE, April 1932. 1 map.

Map of England estate, showing township, range and section, number of acres, length and width of property, roads, creeks, and amount set aside for dwelling purposes. Author, E. J. Tobin. Published in Lincoln, Illinois. Hand-drawn. 1 in. to 600 ft. 24 x 24. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

480. PLAT TO SET NORTH EAST CORNERSTONE FOR MRS. A. G. HARTNELL, February 1928. 1 map.

Map of part of section 14, township 19, row 4, west of 3rd principal meridian, which is a survey to set northeast corner of northwest  $\frac{1}{2}$  of section 23, township 19, range 4, west of 3rd principal meridian. Author, R. R. Lacy. Published in Lincoln, Illinois. Hand-drawn. 1 in. to 1000 ft. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.





481. NEW LINCOLN HOTEL SITE, August 1921. 2 plats.

Original and copy of plat of new Lincoln Hotel site, showing legal description, area, surrounding streets, sewers, light and communication lines, and relation of site to adjacent public buildings and landmarks. Author, E. J. Tobin. Published in Lincoln, Illinois. 1 hand-drawn; 1 blueprint. 1 in. to 40 ft.  $10\frac{1}{2}$  x 14. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

482. JOHN C. BOYD TRACT, August 1921. 1 map.

Map of John C. Boyd tract in township 18, range 4, west, to show correct positions of new cornerstones. Author, E. J. Tobin. Published in Lincoln, Illinois. Hand-drawn. 1 in. to 300 ft. 12 x 16. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

483. C. H. AYERS LANDS, July 1920. 4 plats.

Plats of C. H. Ayers lands in section 11, township 17, range 2, west of 3rd principal meridian, showing corrections as of previous survey. Author, E. J. Tobin. Published in Lincoln, Illinois. Hand-drawn. 11 x 8. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

484. SCHAFFERNACKER ESTATE LAND, no date. 1 plat.

Plat showing township, section, range, area, boundaries, and relation of estate to adjoining property, roads, and streams. Hand-drawn. 20 x 12. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

485. FARM LANDS OF DEAN HILL, no date. 1 map.

Profile map of farm lands at principal elevation, showing cross section of typical soil stratum. Lincoln, Illinois: county surveyor, publisher. Hand-drawn. 22 x 100. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

## XVII. SPECIAL DRAINAGE COMMISSIONERS

For the purpose of aiding in public welfare and health, the constitution has delegated to the General Assembly broad power to provide laws in regard to drainage.<sup>1</sup> By statutory provision these activities are exercised by drainage commissioners in districts of Logan County. The corporate authorities of the drainage districts have power to acquire rights-of-way, issue bonds, construct and maintain drains, ditches, and levees for agricultural, sanitary, or mining purposes, and assess the benefitted property.<sup>2</sup>

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1. Constitution of 1870, Art. IV, sec. 31.

2. First amendment to the constitution, ratified November 29, 1878, incorporated in the Constitution of 1870, Art. IV, sec. 31; L.1879, p. 120, 124-28.



Drainage districts have been organized by land owners upon petition to the Logan county court. When the court found in favor of the petitioners, an order to that effect was entered, and three commissioners were appointed to examine and survey the proposed lands. The commissioners, when they had completed their assignment, made a final report to the court with recommendations and the copies of surveys, maps, plats, and estimates.<sup>1</sup> The districts are of three kinds; regular, which is composed of property lying in a single town; union, where the lands organized lie in two towns; special, with three or more towns involved.<sup>2</sup>

After the report on a proposed district had been made, the court completed the organization of the district.<sup>3</sup> The corporate powers of regular and union districts are vested in three commissioners appointed by town clerks. The corporate authority in special drainage districts is vested in three elected commissioners of the district.<sup>4</sup> In regular districts the commissioners appoint one of their number to act as secretary. The town clerk in union districts acts as clerk of the district. The county clerk and county treasurer in cases of the special drainage districts are, respectively, ex-officio clerk and treasurer of each district.<sup>5</sup>

The following records belong to the drainage commissioners:

1. Records of bonds issued.
2. Assessment books.
3. Petitions of owners of land to stay assessments, orders of commissioners thereupon, and other proceedings.
4. State auditor's certificates of interest due on bonds.
5. Tax lists showing pro-rata share of levy for bond interest (union and special districts only).
6. Copies of reports to county court on conditions of district and estimated expenditures; and to county treasurer on delinquent lands; maps and plats, surveys and estimates; office transactions.<sup>6</sup>

The first two records are required to be kept in separate books, the next three generally are known as the "Drainage Record", and the remaining records are kept desultorily.

For special drainage district bond book, see entry 30; for account of special drainage district funds, see entry 375.

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1. L.1871-72, p. 356; R.S.1874, p. 429; L.1875, p. 76; L.1879, p. 120,155; L.1885, p. 77,93,95,108; L.1907, p. 274; L.1913, p. 260.
  2. L.1879, p. 123; L.1885, p. 93,94,113. River districts, though not in this category, may be organized similarly and with like powers. L.1885, p. 106.
  3. Ibid I.
  4. L.1879, p. 123; L.1885, p. 93,95,113.
  5. L.1885, p. 77; L.1915, p. 389; L.1919, p. 467; L.1933, p. 505.
  6. L.1879, p. 120-34; L.1885, p. 78-104.





486. DRAINAGE RECORD, 1884--. 4 v. (1-4), 1 f.b. Missing: 1907-19. Record of drainage district proceedings, including petitions for organization, description of land to be drained, drainage election, poll books, report of election, certificates of publication of notices, appointment of commissioners, and commissioners' reports. Arr. chron. 1884-1928, no index; for index, 1929--, see entry 114. Typed. V. 200 p. 20 x 18 x  $1\frac{1}{2}$ ; f.b.  $10\frac{1}{2}$  x 4 x 14. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

487. SPECIAL DRAINAGE PAPERS, 1910-14. 1 f.b. 1915-- in (County Clerk's General File), entry 113. Original minutes of organization meeting of commissioners of special drainage district, poll book and oath of office, levy reports, minutes of annual meeting, and drainage and sub-district special proceedings. Arr. chron. For index, see entry 114.  $10\frac{1}{2}$  x  $4\frac{1}{2}$  x 14. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

488. LOWER SALT CREEK DRAINAGE DISTRICT, 1923, 1929. 2 v. Lower Salt Creek drainage district data, showing date, names of officers of the court, petitioners, and witnesses, petitions to abolish district, change of route, testimony of witnesses, and final orders of court. Arr. chron. No index. Typed. 300 p. 14 x 9 x 3. Common vlt., bsmt.

489. SALT CREEK DRAINAGE DISTRICT, January 1929. 1 map. Tracing of parts of other maps. Author, R. R. Lacy. Published in Lincoln, Illinois. Black and white. 1 in. to 400 ft.  $10\frac{1}{2}$  x 18. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

490. SALT CREEK DRAINAGE DITCH, no date. 1 map. Profile map of drainage ditch, showing original and amended grade lines, and construction and material specifications in full detail. Authors, Bell and Hare. Blueprint. 1 in. to 2000 ft., vertical; 1 in. to 1000 ft., horizontal. 11 x 88. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

491. LOWER SALT CREEK DRAINAGE DITCH, 1913. 11 plans. Profile and cross section plans, showing length, width, and depth dimensions of Lower Salt Creek Drainage Ditch, and relation to adjoining land and landmarks. Blueprint. 1 in. to 400 ft. 24 x 24. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

492. ZOLLAR SCHOOL DRAINAGE, August 14, 1905. 1 plan. Profile and cross sectional plan of Zollar School Drainage District, showing dimensions, specifications of materials, and construction details. Author, E. J. Tobin. Published in Lincoln, Illinois. Printed. 1 in. to 5 ft., vertical; 1 in. to 40 ft., horizontal. 22 x 36. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

493. HARTNELL'S LEVEE, no date. 1 plan. Drawing showing cross section of levee, width, height, contour, and soil strata. Lincoln, Illinois: county surveyor, publisher. Hand-drawn. 22 x 36. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.



494. OPEN DITCH FOR JAMES MCGRATH PROPERTY, no date. 1 plan. Profile and cross section plan showing the length, width, depth, grades and elevations, and materials, equipment, and construction methods to be used. Lincoln, Illinois: county surveyor, publisher. Hand-drawn. 22 x 72. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

495. PROPOSED RELOCATION OF DITCH ON MCGRATH AND REED LAND, no date. 1 plan. Old drawing showing proposed relocation of ditch on McGrath and Reed Land. Hand-drawn. 24 x 72. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

496. TILE DRAIN OF J. W. CORWINE PROPERTY, March 1926. 2 plans. Construction plans showing length of drain, width, depth and typical cross section contours, profile grades and elevations of project, specifications for material to be used, and type of construction to be followed. Lincoln, Illinois: county surveyor, publisher. Blueprint. 22 x 24. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

497. DRAIN TILE ON E. T. ROOS PROPERTY, no date. 1 plan. Drawing showing profile for installation of drain tile, with elevations, grading, length, width, materials and type of construction to be used, and portions of adjacent property. Lincoln, Illinois: county surveyor, publisher. Hand-drawn. 22 x 36. Vlt. of supt. of hwys., 2nd fl.

#### XVIII. COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Matters relating to public assistance and welfare are handled by the department of public welfare. The Logan County department of public welfare was established in 1936 as successor to the county commission of welfare, and its executive appointee the county superintendent of public welfare.<sup>1</sup> The new department of welfare consists of the superintendent of public welfare and a staff selected by him in accordance with, and subject to, the approval of the state department of public welfare.

The county board of supervisors submits to the said state department a list of five residents as candidates for the office of superintendent. An eligible list of these candidates is prepared by the state department by competitive examination and certified to the county board of supervisors. The board in turn makes an order appointing one of the eligibles as superintendent of public welfare.<sup>2</sup>

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1. Sp. sess. L.1935-36, p. 70-73; L.1937, p. 451.  
2. L.1937, p. 451,452.





The superintendent is charged with all the executive and administrative duties and responsibilities of the county department of public welfare. He is subject to the rules and regulations of, and removal by the state agency.<sup>1</sup>

This officer has power and it is his duty:

1. To have charge and develop plans for the administration of old age assistance.
2. To investigate and study problems of assistance, correction, and general welfare within his county.
3. To cooperate with the state department of welfare in the operation of welfare plans and policies in his county.
4. To maintain such records in the manner prescribed by the state department and file with the said agency all required reports.
5. To serve as agent and executive officer of the state department of public welfare in the administration of all forms of public assistance administered by the said department.<sup>2</sup>

All the records of the county department are subject to the inspection and supervision of the agents of this central authority.

The county department of welfare also serves as the county department for the administration of old age assistance and is subject to the rules and regulations of the state department.<sup>3</sup> Upon receipt of an application the department makes an investigation of the case. In the course of the investigation the department is allowed to hold hearings and compel the attendance of witnesses and the production of papers and books.<sup>4</sup>

The county department for old age assistance keeps such records and accounts as are prescribed by the state department. All applications and records in these matters are considered public records.<sup>5</sup>

At the time of the Survey, this separate office had not yet been established in Logan County. For Record of Relief, see entry 21; for claims for poor relief, see entry 22.

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1. L.1937, p. 452.

2. Sp. sess. L.1935-36, p. 72; L.1937, p. 452.

3. L.1935, p. 259; L.1935-36, first sp. sess., p. 54; L.1937, p.265.

4. L.1935-36, first sp. sess., p. 54; L.1937, p. 267,268.

5. L.1937, p. 268.



## XIX. EXAMINER OF THE BLIND

One phase of public assistance in Logan County, blind relief, is administered through the services of the county clerk and the examiner of the blind. The funds for this assistance are provided jointly by the county and the state.<sup>1</sup> Applicants claiming benefits of the fund go before the county clerk and make affidavit of residence and this incapacity. The county clerk files the application and refers the applicant to the blind examiner.

The office of blind examiner was first established in 1903.<sup>2</sup> The examiner, a physician appointed by the county board of supervisors, kept his office open only during the first week of each year for the purpose of examining all applicants for blind assistance. This situation continued until 1915, when the examiner's office was first kept open during the entire year for this purpose.<sup>3</sup> This arrangement continues until the present.

Under the earlier provisions the county board of supervisors referred applications to the blind examiner. The applicant made affidavit before the clerk who placed the same before the county board.<sup>4</sup> Beginning with 1915 the applicants are sent by the clerk directly to the examiner.

The examiner is required to keep a register in which he enters the facts of his certification as returned to the county clerk. The county clerk in turn registers the name, address, number of application and date of examination of those determined to be entitled to benefit. These facts are certified at each meeting of the county board.

In making appropriations for blind assistance, the county board of supervisors is required also to provide funds for the year for persons who may become entitled to such benefit. The board annually certifies and files with the state auditor an itemized statement of the amount paid out for blind relief.<sup>5</sup> This statement is necessary for the joint appropriation of state with county funds.

In Logan County records of such office were not found. For register of blind benefits, see entry 19; for accounts of blind pensions, see entry 371.

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1. L.1927, p. 202.
  2. L.1903, p. 138.
  3. L.1915, p. 257.
  4. Ibid. 2.
  5. L.1936, p. 264.





## XX. COUNTY HOME

One phase of public assistance in Logan County is administered by the county home. All county poor houses, poor farms and institutions for the support and care of indigents in Illinois, are known as county homes.<sup>1</sup> County poorhouses and farms have existed in this state under statutory provisions for nearly a century. The legislation creating these county establishments for the indigent has changed little since the original enactments. The county boards of the various counties may establish a county home and are granted the following powers:

1. To acquire by purchase, grant, gift or devise, a suitable tract or tracts upon which to erect and maintain a county poorhouse and other necessary buildings, and for the establishment and maintenance of a farm for the employment of the poor.
2. To receive gifts and bequests to aid in the erection and maintenance of the poorhouse, or in the care of the indigents.
3. To make rules or regulations for same.
4. To appoint a keeper of the poorhouse and all necessary agents and servants for the management and control of the poorhouse and farm and prescribe their compensation and duties.
5. To appoint a county physician and prescribe his compensation and duties.
6. To appoint an agent to have the general supervision and charge of all matters in relation to the care and support of the poor and prescribe his compensation and duties.
7. To make the necessary appropriations for the erection and maintenance of the county home.<sup>2</sup>

Records of the county home are prepared and kept by the keeper (superintendent) of the said home. He is required to keep an account, showing the name of each person admitted to the county poorhouse; the time of his admission and discharge; the place of his birth; whether his dependence resulted from idiocy, lunacy, intemperance, or other causes, stating the cause; and is required, at the same time each year, to file with the county clerk of his county a copy of the same, together with a statement showing the average number of persons kept in the poorhouse each month during the year.<sup>3</sup>

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1. L.1919, p. 699; L.1935, p. 1058.

2. L.1839, p. 139; R.S.1845, p. 404; L.1861, p. 180; R.S.1874, p. 757; L.1917, p. 638; L.1919, p. 698; L.1935, p. 1057, 1058.

3. R.S.1874, p. 758.



For county home record, see entry 2; for county home claims to board of supervisors, see entry 25; for county treasurer's record of funds received by county home, see entry 372; for report of fees received for inmates, see entry 373.

498. COUNTY HOME RECORD (of Inmates), 1870--. 2 v. (1 not numbered, 1). Record of inmates, showing consecutive number, name of person admitted, date of admission, place of birth or nativity, cause of pauperism or dependence, date of discharge or death, and cause of death. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. under pr. hdgs. 320 p. 16 x 12 x 2. Off. of supt. of co. home, 2nd fl.

499. LEDGER (Township Accounts), 1936--. 1 v.  
Prior records destroyed.

Journal of county home accounts with townships, showing names of inmates, number of days of each month charged against township, amount of charge monthly for each inmate, and total amount. Superintendent does not have charge of receipts and expenditures. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 160 p. 10 x 8 x 1. Off. of supt. of co. home, 2nd fl.

## XXI. COUNTY MINERS' EXAMINING BOARD

Miners in Illinois are required to pass examinations as to their qualifications before engaging in coal mining. The purpose of the statutory requirements is to better insure the welfare and health of coal miners. The county miners examining board first conducted the examinations in Logan County in 1908, and continued to function until 1916. The board was established in 1908 by statutory provision for each of the counties in which coal mining was carried on.<sup>1</sup> It consisted of three skilled, experienced miners appointed by the circuit judge of the judicial district in which Logan was located. The members of the board served for one year under oath and elected one of their number as president and one as secretary. They were compensated at the rate of three dollars and fifty cents for each day engaged in the duties of their office. Vacancies were filled by the circuit judge as they occurred.

The principal function of this body was the examination and issuance of certificates to persons qualified to be employed as coal miners. No person was permitted to be employed as a coal miner without a certificate. Violations of this provision were prosecuted by the board through the prosecuting attorney of the judicial district. Members of the board in turn were also to be prosecuted for violations by the prosecuting attorney.

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1. L.1908, p. 90; L.1909, p. 284.





In the performance of its function the board caused notice of its meetings for the examination of miners, to be published in newspapers of the county. Each applicant for an examination was required to pay a fee of one dollar. The amount derived from this source was held by the board and applied to expenses and salaries. At the examination meeting, the name and address of every person to whom a certificate of competency was issued was registered in a book of registration.<sup>1</sup> The board reported annually to the circuit court and the state inspector of mines, on all moneys received for fees and how disbursed, together with the number of applicants, and the number failing to pass the required examinations.<sup>2</sup>

The miners' examining board was required to keep an accurate record of the proceedings of its meetings. In this record they showed a correct, detailed account of the examination of each applicant with questions asked and answered.

This board continued to function in Logan County until the latter part of 1916, although the duties of the said body were transferred by law to a state agency in 1913.<sup>3</sup> In 1915, an amendatory act was passed which required certificates issued by the county miners' examining board to be exchanged for new ones to be issued by the state miners' examining commissioners before July 1, 1916.<sup>4</sup> Certificates issued by the aforesaid county agency were not to be recognized after the latter date, when it ceased to exist.

500. (MINERS' EXAMINING BOARD DOCUMENTS), 1908-16. In (County Clerk's General File), entry 113.  
Papers of miners' examining board, including proceedings of meetings, certificates of competency for miners, and plats of mines.

501. RECORD OF MINERS' EXAMINING BOARD, 1908-16. 1 v. Discontinued as a county record; subsequent similar records are kept by the State Department of Mines and Minerals.  
Miners' examining board record showing minutes of the board meetings, names of persons receiving certificate of competency, date and certificate number, and signature of secretary. Arr. chron. No index. Hdw. 585 p. 18 x 12 x 3. Co. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

1. L.1908, p. 91,92; L.1909, p. 285,286.

2. Ibid.

3. A State Miners' Examining Board was created in 1913, to perform the duties of the county miners' examining board. The state board met monthly in twelve different localities in the state to examine applicants for miners' certificates.

4. Under this Act the State Miners' Examining Board was abolished and replaced by the State Miners' Examining Commissioners whose members compose the examining board. L.1915, p. 525,526.



APPENDIX

- A. ESTATE OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN DECEASED (Affidavit of David Davis in the matter of the estate of Abraham Lincoln, deceased), 11:30 A.M., June 30, 1891. In Miscellaneous Record, entry 144: v. 4, p. 189.

Affidavit of David Davis of Bloomington, judge of the Logan County judicial circuit when Mt. Pulaski was the county seat, and later elevated by President Lincoln to the United States Supreme Court, stating that Lincoln died on or about April 14, 1865, leaving his widow, Mary Lincoln, and two children, Robert T. Lincoln and Thomas Lincoln, sons, and an estate of about \$85,000. One-third page. Hdw. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

- B. AFFIDAVIT OF THE DECEASE OF THOMAS LINCOLN, SON OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN (Affidavit of Henry W. Bishop of the decease of Thomas Lincoln, son of Abraham Lincoln, deceased), 11:30 A.M., June 30, 1891. In Miscellaneous Record, entry 144: v. 4, p. 188.

Affidavit of Henry W. Bishop, of Chicago, stating that he knew Thomas Lincoln, son of Abraham Lincoln, and that he died in about the year 1876, leaving no wife or children surviving. One-third page. Hdw. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

- C. ESTATE OF MARY LINCOLN, DECEASED (Affidavit of Robert T. Lincoln in the matter of Mary Lincoln, deceased), 11:30 A.M., Sept. 28, 1883. In Miscellaneous Record, entry 144: v. 4, p. 188.

Affidavit of Robert T. Lincoln that his mother, Mary Lincoln, died on July 16, 1882, leaving no husband, no children save himself, and no descendants of deceased children, and that her estate would amount to about \$90,000. One-third page. Hdw. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

- D. SUSAN H. BDONG (Budlong) Vs. WILLIAM C. TAYLOR, GEORGE H. LeBLANC, UNDER THE FIRM OF W. C. TAYLOR & CO., March 26, 1859. In Circuit Court Record, Common Law, entry 268: v. 2, p. 631.

Confession of judgment. Defendants, through their attorney, Abraham Lincoln, entered confession of judgment in the amount of \$8,428.72 on note and interest. Court ordered judgment and costs for plaintiff. One-half page. Hdw. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.

- E. SQUIRE FOSTER Vs. NATHANIEL COSBY, Sept. 20, 1859; Sept. 26, 1859; Oct. 1, 1859. In Circuit Court Record, Common Law, entry 268: v. 3, p. 9, 173, 268.

"Trespass on the Case - This day came the Plaintiff by Hon. A. Lincoln his attorney and on his motion the Dfdt is ruled to plead herein by Friday morning next." (p. 9). Defendant by Attorney I. C. Parks, filed plea, (p. 173). Case stands continued, (p. 268). Three pages. Hdw. Cir. clk.'s vlt., 2nd fl.





F. THE PEOPLE Vs. ABRAHAM NASH ALIAS YANKEE SULLIVAN,  
March 24, 1859. In Circuit Court Recerd, Peoples, entry  
270: v. 2, p. 605-6.

Assault with intent to kill. Bail of defendant increased to \$1000.  
Change of vomue to Sangamon County granted. John DeCamp and Abraham  
Nash made responsible for bail. Theedore Mittendorff, Simon Rocke,  
G. R. Crawford, Georgo W. Witt, Dr. J.B. Sims posted bond as material  
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